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*But The Show Goes On*

## Homophobe's Baltimore TV Visit Protested

*By Gary Coberly*

BALTIMORE — Despite a barrage of protests from both gay and straight people and groups in this community, Baltimore's WJZ-TV provided a forum for the reactionary, homophobic psychologist Paul Cameron on November 8, just two weeks before an anticipated vote on the city's gay and lesbian civil rights bill.

Cameron, who has been expelled from two psychological associations for unethical practices, presented his opinion in an alarmingly slick performance. This was his second appearance in Baltimore; last May, he testified at a city council hearing on the proposed gay rights bill. Cameron debated gay rights with a Washington, D.C. lesbian activist.

The producer of the show, "People Are Talking," admitted that a large number of complaints about giving Cameron airtime had been registered. The station's general manager, John Spinola, and its program manager, Jerry Eaton, also acknowledged having received complaints.

The Baltimore Civil Rights Coalition for C.C. 187, which organized a September march and rally to urge passage of the civil rights bill, issued a statement protesting WJZ's decision. It said, "Media have a grave responsibility to the public. Airtime is a vital tool, a powerful weapon, and to give it to a virulent and discredited individual is, at best, a mistake in judgment.

"Cameron's views are so homophobic, vicious and ungrounded in fact that he was thrown out of the American Psychological Association. Asking his views on homosexuality is tantamount to soliciting advice from Hitler on Jewish issues. 'Balance' on such a televised discourse will be virtually impossible to achieve. Can the producers possibly think there is anything positive to be achieved by providing free airtime for this debunked doctor to spread his venom?"

The list of other persons who sent letters and telegrams or phoned the station to object to Cameron's appearance includes: Dr. Arnold Kahn, chair of the American Psychological Association's Board of Social and Ethical Responsibilities; Dr. Carole Rayburn, president of the Maryland Psychological Association's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Men's Concerns; Dr. Morris Sumner, president of the Baltimore Association of Psychologists; as well as officers of numerous gay and lesbian organizations.

Cameron was dropped from the American Psychological Association (APA) in December 1983 after a two-year investigation by its Ethics Board. "Ethical misconduct" was cited as the reason for his expulsion.

The APA is the largest psychological association in the world, with over 60,000 members. Discreditation by the APA is not lightly undertaken; only one in 10,000 members is expelled each year.

In 1975, the APA adopted an official stance of urging "mental health officials to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness long associated with homosexual orientation."

Cameron was licensed in Nebraska and was likewise dropped from the Nebraska Psychological Association (NBA) in October 1984. That group stated, "The Nebraska Psychological Association formally disassociates itself from the representations and interpretations of scientific literature offered by Dr. Paul Cameron in his writing and public statements on sexuality."

Dr. Nicholas Growth, the director of the Sex Offender Program of the Connecticut Department of Corrections, noted in a letter to the Nebraska Board of Examiners of Psychologists that Cameron "misrepresents my findings and distorts

them to advance his homophobic views. I make a very clear distinction in my writing between pedophilia and homosexuality, noting that adult males who sexually victimize young boys are either pedophilic or heterosexual and that in my research I have not found homosexual men turning away from adult partners to children." One of Cameron's favorite charges is that all homosexuals are child molesters just waiting for the opportunity to prey upon children.

The "People Are Talking" episode, with its controversial subject matter and angry repartee, probably stoked the TV ratings of WJZ, in the midst of its ratings week. Cameron proved himself not only virulent in his views, but also a capable debater. With studied, Falwellian smugness, he made such contradictory statements as "Gay sex is sewer sex," and "I care about these people." He attempted to vilify gay people with constant references to "licking anus."

With eyebrows arched, he pontificated, "Homosexuality is not a disease, it's a bad and dangerous habit. Homosexuals have compromised our blood supply. A gay man coughing on your salad may cause you to get AIDS. Children are seduced by their lesbian teachers into homosexuality. We must close our borders, both in and out of the country, to homosexuals."

More than once the cameras focused on Cameron's pamphlets, entitled "Child Molesters and Homosexuality" and "Murder and Violence and Homosexuality," the second gruesomely illustrated with a male arm wielding an ax over a cowering young girl.

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## New AIDS Research Guidelines Released

*By Christine Guilfooy*

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY — The Hastings Center, a research organization which focuses on biomedical ethics, has published a set of guidelines on confidentiality and AIDS research. The guidelines will be sent to institutional review boards [IRBs] throughout the country. Although the guidelines are not binding, it is believed they will have an impact on such research.

The guidelines were written by Ronald Bayer, Carol Levine and Thomas Murray of Hastings and were signed by "representatives of the gay, Haitian, research and public health communities." Among the signers were Michael Callen, a person with AIDS, Christopher Collins of Lambda Legal Defense, Mathilde Krim of Sloan-Kettering Institute, Jeff Levi of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), Joseph Sonnabend of the AIDS Medical Foundation, and Alvin Novick of Yale University.

Some of the major points are:

- The encoding of personally identifying information with the suggestion that participants be told why this safeguard is necessary.
- Accessibility to personal information, specifying that only researchers who have written consent may get personal information.
- Legal protections currently available with the suggestion that legal protections be extended by the state and federal governments.
- A suggestion that researchers resist subpoenas that seek disclosure of identifying information.
- A suggestion to review all AIDS research by IRBs.
- A suggestion to consider the views of at-risk populations by IRBs, for example by soliciting input from Haitians and gay men when doing AIDS research.
- Assurance from IRBs that proper confidentiality safeguards are in place and that any risks in this regard are communicated to the participant.
- Informed consent be obtained from participants; "particularly important are...a description of any foreseeable risks or discomforts...."
- IRBs allow the use of medical records only if consent by the participants has been given.

Participants has been given.

Establishment of an advisory board to review the guidelines and make necessary changes.

Jeff Levi of NGTF said the guidelines were sent out, along with the model consent form previously negotiated with the Public Health Service, to every IRB in the country.

Alvin Novick, MD, one of the signers of the guidelines, said, "The Hastings Center is very well respected as advocates of biomedical ethics. The IRBs review proposals for ethical principles and they tend to set the standard of behavior. The effect will be powerful and permeating."

Levi commented: "It goes to all IRBs with a lot of credibility. The organization has taken on the issue and come down on our side. It generates attention that our expressions of concern [alone] may not."

Acknowledging that the guidelines do not address some of the specific concerns brought up by gay men — such as government agencies, insurance companies, or employers getting personal information directly or indirectly — Levi commented, "[The guidelines are] general, although our concerns could be included in the language."

Novick believes the effectiveness of the guidelines will depend in part on the participation of gay men. "Every IRB should seek the advice and counsel of representatives of the risk groups," he said.

The distrust that gay men are feeling about this research was illustrated in San Francisco recently. The *Bay Area Reporter* said that large numbers of gay men are refusing to participate in a study examining risk factors in the development of AIDS. Researchers have been able to find only 750 volunteers for a study which needs 1200.

Lesbian and gay organizations have been working on issues of confidentiality with government representatives for over a year. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guaranteed confidentiality in its surveillance work. Levi told GCN that Dr. James O. Mason, the director of the CDC, also recently told him that the agency would extend those guarantees to the blood studies in which CDC is

participating.

In addition, the Public Health Service recently developed a model consent form which is recommended for use in all research involving federal funds. Activists had hoped to make the consent form a requirement.

IRBs are associated with any institution which receives federal funds to do research. Any research so funded must be approved by the IRB, the primary duty of which is to protect human research subjects. Arthur Caplan of the Hastings Center said the IRBs are composed primarily of persons from the particular institution although at least one person must be an outsider. At least one medical doctor must be on each IRB which has a minimum of five members.

### Gay Supporters Angry

## D.C.'s Mayor Barry Okays Georgetown Bonds

*By Jim Ryan*

WASHINGTON, DC — District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry has angered gay and lesbian activists by sending to the City Council a proposal that would allow Georgetown University to receive some \$70 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds.

The issue came up this spring when the city decided to release a series of bonds to benefit non-profit institutions. Among the institutions set to profit was Georgetown University, which has been engaged in a five-year legal battle with two gay and lesbian student groups that were denied recognition.

The Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) lobbied the mayor and the city council to include in the bond legislation specific language requiring that the institutions that receive money agree not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Such a proviso would force the university to choose between recognizing the two student groups or forfeiting a considerable amount of money.

The university, which as the second-largest employer in the city after the federal government is extremely influential, began its own lobby effort. Barry, facing one of

the most difficult political decisions of his administration, stalled on the bond proposal.

On November 7, Barry sent to the council a proposal that did not include the specific language that GAA had requested. Instead, it included vague language that required institutions simply to comply with the laws of the district. This, however, leaves the university a very large loophole.

If the D.C. Court of Appeals upholds last year's Superior Court decision that Georgetown's religious affiliation entitles it to a constitutional exemption from the human rights act, the university can take the money, continue to discriminate and claim it is meeting all its obligations under D.C. law. At the very least, the university would be able to have use of that money while the matter is still in the courts, which is the reason GAA sought legislation specifically forbidding discrimination.

As Steve Smith, GAA president, explains, "Our goal is to deny Georgetown the bond money. The surest way to do this is through legislation that contains specific language requiring that benefiting institutions agree not to

discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. This legislation would then be a source of legal obligation independent of the human rights act."

Smith said that his organization was "surprised and extremely disappointed that the mayor took this action, particularly without notice to our community."

While it was probably clear to Barry that his action would anger gay and lesbian activists, he apparently assumes that the average gay or lesbian citizen does not feel very strongly about the bond bill.

GAA will now focus its efforts on the City Council, where there seems to be very strong support for specific language. Smith considers it unlikely that Barry would veto such an action by the council.

Georgetown University could apply pressure to council members in the next few weeks. And Barry's relationship with the gay and lesbian community may be affected by this decision. Many consider the bond bill an important litmus test of Barry's support for the community. His refusal to go out on a limb will doubtless not be forgotten in 1986, when he faces reelection.



# News Notes

## quote of the week

"I'm willing to think for the majority. The majority rules.

"I don't want to tell anybody what to do as long as they live by the Ten Commandments. I'm telling people what they can print only if it's immoral, only if it's filth, only if it's dehumanizing."

— Suffolk County (New York) Legislator Michael D'Andre (R-St. James) expounds on his philosophy regarding the sweeping anti-born bill he introduced into the County Legislature this fall, *New York Times*, November 13, 1984. D'Andre also told the *Times* that his bill is the outgrowth of the country's move to the right, symbolized by Reagan's election victory.

## anti-defamation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The D.C. regional board of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League voted recently to oppose anti-gay discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation, and immigration, according to the *Washington Blade*. But the board voted to take no stand on military discrimination.

The vote puts the D.C. regional board on record as asking the national Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish human rights group which takes stands on public policy issues, to oppose anti-gay discrimination.

If the national executive committee adopts a gay rights resolution, it will enable the Anti-Defamation League to provide legal support in gay-related cases and lobby for gay rights legislation.

## pneumonia antidote approved

WASHINGTON, DC — A drug found effective in treating a fatal form of pneumonia that strikes 60 percent of people with AIDS has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Margaret Heckler, Secretary of Health and Human Services, announced recently that pentamidine, which had been available only on an experimental basis from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), would become more readily available on account of the FDA approval. Previous to this, the CDC had obtained it from foreign markets.

## steam off, pissed off

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Central YMCA shut down its steam room and sauna for 36 hours recently in an apparent attempt to halt alleged sexual activity at the facility, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*. The sauna and steam room were reopened after angry members threatened to cancel their memberships and demand refunds of dues.

In a closure notice, the Y management tried to spruce up its image by saying, "The Central YMCA is not a bathhouse.... We will not function as one.

"It has been brought to our attention through numerous member complaints that overt sexual activity continues in the adult men's center.... Until Monday, November 5, we will shut down the dry room and steam room. If this does not curb the sexual activity, we will take further action."

David Kline, a Y member who said he had never seen sex in the steam room, suggested that Y staff ought to deal with violations of its rules rather than shutting down the facilities. "The closure," Kline said, "is not happening in a vacuum. Many of us are aware that the health department is conducting aggressive, covert, city-wide operations to outlaw male homosexual activity. This is part of a policy of deliberate harassment of businesses that cater to the gay populace."

## the purloined records

NEW YORK — A thief of thieves broke into the offices of the *New York Native* sometime over the weekend of October 27-28 and made off with a year's worth of financial records, according to the *Washington Blade*. Publisher Chuck Ortleb commented that the choice of burgled goods was "peculiar." He said one motive for the theft could be to put the paper out of business.

There are no suspects in the caper, which did not appear to involve a forced entry. Ortleb said, "Either they got the key from someone here or the person was skilled at [cracking] locks." Ortleb said it will require "a few weeks and a few thousand dollars" to reconstruct the purloined records.

## san francisco aids budget increased

SAN FRANCISCO — This city's Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$2.4 million to the AIDS budget on November 5, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*. The extra money will double the number of beds in San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS ward, from 12 to 24 beds, and will double the capacity of the outpatient AIDS ward. The supplemental appropriation brings to \$7.6 million the city's spending on AIDS this year.

The only controversial item in the package was a \$50,000 appropriation earmarked to pay the four private investigators who conducted spying missions in the bathhouses this fall. The investigators' reports were cited by the city's lawyers in the efforts to close the baths last month. A move to separate the investigators' line item from the rest of the bill failed by a vote of 9-1.

## name game

*The following article, reprinted in its entirety, appeared in the November 13, 1984 issue of the Boston Herald.*

A LA MONDALE: It was a bad week for Mondales running for thingies. With one exception.

Sheika Mondale, a female impersonator, was elected "Miss Gay Massachusetts," triumphing over a bevy of beauties at a contest at Jacques, the Boston gay bar.

"I want to make it clear," declared Sheika, who changed her name to Mondale, "I have nothing to do with Walter Mondale." Walter will be relieved.

## 'guzzling for your supper'

LOS ANGELES — Organizers of the boycott against the Coors Brewing Company denounced the company's pledge to pump \$325 million into Hispanic communities as a "divide and conquer" strategy, according to a UPI dispatch.

At a November 12 news conference with Hispanic and other labor organizations, David Sickler, the national AFL-CIO coordinator for the Coors Boycott Committee, said, "The issues remain the same. Coors still demands that workers be forced to take lie detector tests, to abuse search and seizure and to fire any worker who makes disparaging remarks about Coors." Sickler reaffirmed his group's commitment to the boycott.

Coors has been under pressure from the boycott and a dramatic drop in sales and recently announced its intention to put 8 percent of its sales into Latino-owned banks and other businesses. After the pact lapses in 1990, future contributions from the brewery will be tied to the amount of Coors beer consumed by Hispanics. Critics of the pact have called it "guzzling for your supper."

## pedophile group folds

LONDON — The executive committee of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) has announced the closing of its organization and a cessation of membership activities. According to a press briefing issued by PIE, the committee had dwindled in number and was beleagued by constant police harassment and media "exposés," all of which left the committee "exhausted and despondent, and thus unable to produce our publication or arrange any useful services for our members." PIE was founded in 1974.

Three members of the group are scheduled to stand trial this month on charges of publishing and mailing an obscene article and "inciting persons to commit sexual offenses." The charges stem from the publication of a member's letter in a members-only magazine called *Contact 6*. The letter discussed the ethics of penetrative sex with children. Prosecutors allege that reading the letter would incite the reader to have sexual intercourse with males or females under the age of 16.

And finally, on June 27, 1984, Parliament member Geoffrey Dickens introduced the Paedophile (Protection of Children) Bill, which would make it illegal to belong to a group which discusses sexual relationships with children, except in a condemnatory way, or for members of such groups to possess written material about such relationships. Although the bill died in that session, Dickens promised to reintroduce it in the next session, beginning at year's end.

PIE's press service to disseminate materials relevant to paedophilia will continue to function. For information, contact PIE, PO Box 75, London, E5 8AQ, U.K.

## cia settlement

REDONDO BEACH, CA — A gay man whose security clearances at a defense plant here were revoked in 1981 has reached an out-of-court settlement with the Central Intelligence Agency, according to the *Advocate*. The judge in the case, however, sealed the settlement so its terms cannot be made public. The plaintiff, John W. Green, said he was pleased with the settlement, calling it an "amicable resolution."

Green's clearances were revoked in 1981 when his sexual preference became known at the plant where he had worked for 15 years. After exhausting internal appeals, Green filed suit against the agency in November, 1983. He said the CIA "tried to beat me down and run me out of money," but when Green persisted, the agency entered into serious negotiations with him about three months ago.

Green has been reinstated to a management position and receives back pay to compensate for salary losses over the past three years.

## psychological studies

WASHINGTON, DC — The American Psychological Association has established the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues, effective January 1985, according to an APA press release. The new division puts the study of gay/lesbian issues on par with other areas of psychological activity, such as educational, clinical and experimental psychology and the psychological study of social issues.

San Francisco psychologist Stephen F. Morin was elected president of the 500-member division. About half the division's charter members are gay men or lesbians, with the remaining half working on gay and lesbian concerns. The new division will have representation on the APA's governing Council of Representatives and will be allocated program time at the APA's annual convention.

## gay prisoners' group nixed

WAUPUN, WI — A prisoner at the state's maximum security prison has been denied permission to organize a support group for gay and transsexual prisoners, according to *Out!* newspaper. Prisoner Allen Wirth received a letter from assistant warden Richard Franklin implying that it would be dangerous to "encourage non-heterosexual identity."

Franklin said in his letter that "...because incarceration of some inmates is related to sexual confusion which has resulted in crimes of a sexual nature, we feel that encouragement of non-heterosexual identity and alternative lifestyles would not be consistent with our responsibility to the community."

Support groups for Black and Native American prisoners have received official recognition at Waupun. And a psychotherapy group for gay and transsexual prisoners has attracted five members who say they know as many as 30 gay prisoners who won't join the group for fear of reprisals from staff and other prisoners.

## judicial irony

ALEXANDRIA, VA — A military appeals court judge scheduled to review a celebrated Air Force case involving homosexuality was recently arrested by Fairfax County police on a charge of soliciting sex from a male undercover detective, according to the *Washington Blade*.

Judge Albert B. Fletcher was one of 16 men arrested during a two-week police crackdown at three alleged gay cruising areas. Fletcher declined to comment, but two other men arrested in the same investigation told the *Blade* that police had approached them for sex and then arrested them for soliciting. The two men said they would fight the charges in court.

Fletcher is part of a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals which is deliberating the case of former Air Force Lt. Joann Newak. Newak was convicted in March 1982 of having sexual relations with an enlisted woman. She served one year of a six-year term at Ft. Leavenworth and was granted parole in August 1983. Her conviction is being appealed on grounds that her counsel prejudiced her case because he also represented the woman who testified against Newak.

Fletcher is accused of having solicited a plainclothes detective for oral sodomy on October 24 at the Belle Haven Marina south of Old Town Alexandria.



# Houston Gays Face Uphill Referendum Fight

By Sue Hyde

HOUSTON — On January 19, Houston's two six-month-old gay rights ordinances will be tested in a citywide referendum to repeal them.

From now until election day, Citizens for a United Houston (CUH), a pro-gay group headed by a straight minister, faces an uphill battle to convince the city's voters that the ordinances should remain part of the Affirmative Action Program and the Civil Service Ordinance. A recent poll found that 50 percent of voters oppose

laws to prohibit discrimination against gay people, while 37 percent favor such laws.

And while the anti-gay referendum appears to be just a local issue, activists contacted by GCN say the battle of the Houston ordinances has far-reaching implications. Opponents of the ordinances are enjoying national support for their efforts. Ordinance supporters, on the other hand, must struggle to solicit a similar level of support from the local gay community and from

progressives and gay rights advocates around the country.

One organizer said CUH faces a closeted and "depressed" gay community following defeats of Democratic candidates in the recent general election.

Up for immediate grabs on the January ballot will be the fate of two measures enacted this past June by the Houston City Council. (See GCN, Vol. II, No. 50) On votes of 8-7 and 9-6 respectively, the council had added sexual orientation to the Affirmative Ac-

tion program requiring the city and city contractors to make an effort to hire lesbians and gay men and also protected gay and lesbian employees of the city and city contractors from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

At the time of the amendments' passage, Carl Bohannon of the gay-oriented Community Political Action Committee described the scene in council chambers as a "near riot" while the issue was being debated.

Despite this hubbalo, the council passed both bills and then, in August, was presented with 61,400 signatures of voters requesting it to reconsider its June action. The council refused and referred the question to the city's voters.

Historically, gay rights questions have not fared well when put before voters. A gay rights bill in Seattle survived the acid test and California's Briggs Initiative, a statewide effort to ban gay and lesbian teachers from public schools, was turned back in 1978. But ordinances in Lincoln, Neb.; Duluth, Minn.; Wichita, Kan.; Eugene, Ore.; St. Paul, Minn.; and the first and most famous site of such a battle, Dade County, Fla. all bit the dust.

Lined up on either side of the Houston question are the now-familiar cast of characters. The Committee for a United Houston boasts a coalition of Christian, Jewish, feminist, labor and gay groups, headed by the Rev. William Oliver, a Beaumont civil rights activist and political organizer. Oliver has described the campaign as the "anti-gay people of Houston versus the rest of reasonable Houston."

Cindy Jenkins, the deputy director for CUH, said that although the level of support in the black community has not been determined, two prominent black politicians are actively supporting

CUH. City Councillor Anthony Hall sponsored the two ordinances, and state Senator Craig Washington is a co-chair of CUH.

The Committee for Public Awareness, headed by City Councillor John Goodner, conducted the successful petition drive to repeal the ordinances. Goodner's group received the help of conservative Catholic and Baptist churchmen, as well as the Black Ministers Association and the Harris County Republican Party.

Carl Bohannon described Goodner's supporters as "the Ku Klux Klan, the Moral Majority and the Republican Party." He said that the Committee for Public Awareness is "inundated with [out-of-town] people and money" to campaign against the ordinances.

Both Bohannon and Cindy Jenkins of CUH believe more than the ordinances themselves are at stake in the Houston battle. Jenkins, a farmer's wife and mother of two, told GCN, "It won't be any skin off my back if we lose it, but we've got to put a stop to the Radical Right movement in this state. What would be next? Closing abortion clinics?"

And Bohannon asserted, "We feel this is a major effort by the Right. Houston is just first on the line."

On the face of it, such a threat might be expected to motivate Houston's gay community to donate money to CUH, at the very least. But Jenkins described the fundraising efforts as "marginal, not disastrous, but not great, either."

Bohannon, whose work with the gay community's political action committee puts him in touch with people's willingness to donate money, said the "disastrous elections" have taken a toll. CUH estimates of the amount needed to wage an effective campaign

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## Boston Activists Honored At Dinner

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — More than 300 people attended the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance's third annual Community Recognition Dinner on November 9 at the China Pearl Restaurant. This year's honorees included community activist and former mayoral candidate Mel King; gay city councillor David Scondras; New Words Bookstore, a Cambridge women's bookstore; the Support Services Team of Boston's AIDS Action Committee; Dignity/Boston, an organiza-

tion for lesbian and gay Catholics; Daughters of Bilitis president Lois Johnson; and gay Catholic activist Brian McNaught, mayoral liaison to the lesbian and gay community under former Boston Mayor Kevin White.

Mel King, accepting the Friend of the Community Award from Alliance Steering Committee member Joyce Crowder, stressed the connections between various forms of oppression.

"I think it is important that those of us who are well-off, and a

lot of us are, have a responsibility to be sure there are programs and policies in this country to be sure that others are well-off as well," King said. "Because if we do not, then we are sowing the seeds of our own demise."

Accepting the David P. Brill Award for Political Leadership from Alliance steering committee member Tom Plant, David Scondras spoke of his recent journey to Nicaragua to monitor the November 4 election.

"As a gay person I know what it is to be oppressed and be consistently lied about," Scondras said, "and I know that is what is happening with the Nicaraguans, and I will not put up with it."

Madge Kaplan accepted the Barbara Deming Service Award on behalf of New Words Bookstore from Jan VanZandt, an Alliance steering committee member. Kaplan described the bookstore as an institution promoting social change, and stressed "the importance of campaigns which really make the connection between racism, sexism and homophobia."

Naney Grantham, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services, presented the Eleanor Roosevelt Service Award to Peter Lombardi and Kevin McConville of the Support Services Team of the AIDS Action Committee. "I wish there were no reason for us to be here tonight," Lombardi said, "but unfortunately AIDS is still with us and is going to be with us for some time." McConville, a man with AIDS, spoke of his personal experiences and testified to the value of the work being performed by the Support Services Team.

Alliance Steering Committee member Denise Fetonte presented the Maximilian Kolbe Community Service Award to Dignity/Boston president Lourdes Rodriguez.

"Dignity/Boston exists to make it possible for others to believe," Rodriguez said, adding that "for as long as there is one bishop or religious leader in the state of Massachusetts who denies our human rights, Dignity/Boston will speak up, and as long as there is one gay or lesbian Catholic who needs a safe place to express their faith, Dignity/Boston will exist."

Bay Windows columnist Nancy Walker presented the Amelia Earhart Award to Lois Johnson. "BL/GPA must make continuing efforts to reach out to all segments of the community, which I see us doing," Johnson said.

Alliance steering committee member Tim McFeeley presented the F.O. Matthiessen Award to Brian McNaught, who thanked the Alliance for thanking him, and urged the lesbian and gay community to be generous with its gratitude.

"I want to thank the people who founded the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance," McNaught said. "These people provided us an exciting, an open, a sophisticated, a mature way to get involved in politics."



Madge Kaplan accepts a BLGPA award on behalf of the staff of New Words bookstore in Cambridge.

## 200 Protest O'Connor Visit

By Bill Gibson

CHICAGO — About 200 protestors greeted New York Archbishop John O'Connor upon his arrival at the University of Chicago's John Olin Center on November 7. O'Connor came to the university to deliver a lecture on "Religion and Politics."

On hand to protest O'Connor's presence on campus were members of several student groups, including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the University of Chicago, the school's chapter of Democratic Socialists of America, the Women's Union, and Women Organized for Reproductive Choice. A noontime rally featured speakers from each of the student groups, a speech by a University of Chicago graduate student in theology and music. A mini-cam crew from the local CBS affiliate, WBBM TV, filmed the rally.

Accompanied by Chicago's Cardinal Bernardin, O'Connor paused briefly to survey the crowd gathered to greet him. One of the signs aimed at the Archbishop read: "John, John why do you persecute me? Acts 9:4."

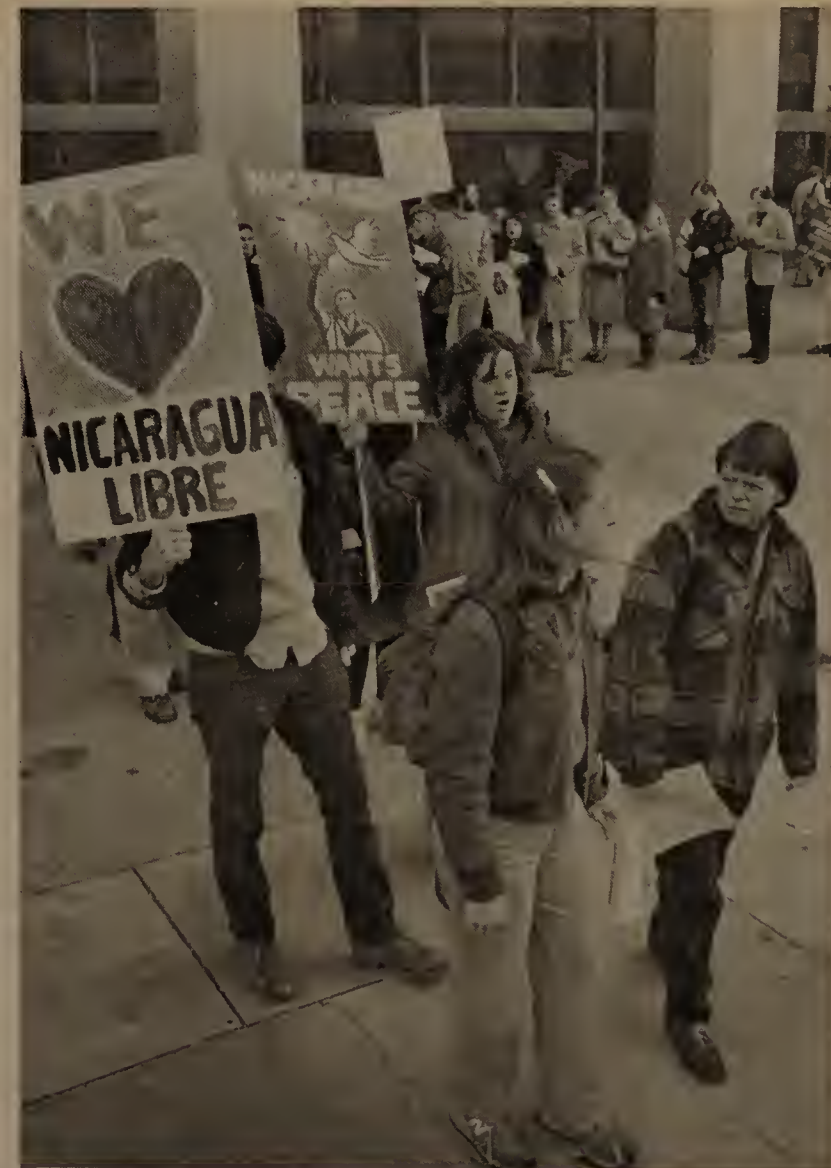
The protestors held candles aloft and chanted a Latin hymn

"Where there is charity and Love there is God."

In his lecture at the John Olin Center, O'Connor discussed war and peace issues raised in the pastoral letter on nuclear war written by the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

O'Connor drew sharp criticism from Gay and Lesbian Alliance representative Irwine Keller. "Basically I feel that Archbishop O'Connor has dangerously overstepped the limits of his religious and moral authority in influencing public opinion and legislation, specifically as regards abortion issues and gay and lesbian civil rights," said Keller.

Archbishop O'Connor has been a vocal and adamant opponent of attempts by New York Mayor Ed Koch to enforce his executive order 60 which bans discrimination against gay men and lesbians by city agencies and by any subcontractors doing business with the city. The Catholic Archdiocese and two other religious agencies have challenged the order; together the three provide about \$80 million in social services to the city.



BOSTON — Several hundred people gathered at Boston's Government Center Plaza on November 9 to speak out against the anticipated invasions of Nicaragua and El Salvador in the wake of Reagan's reelection to a second term. The noontime rally was called by Mobilization for Survival.

Mobe is currently conducting a pledge campaign to set up a network of people willing to participate in either civil disobedience actions or legal pickets and vigils to resist a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua and/or El Salvador or a significant escalation of U.S. intervention in Central America. In a flyer distributed at the rally, Mobe said, "The lives of the people of Central America depend on our joining together — from every walk of life and every age group — to nonviolently oppose this disaster before it happens."

For further information about the pledge campaign, call Boston Mobe at (617) 354-0008.

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# Community Voices

## GCN Job Openings

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## disturbing naivete

Dear GCN: The centerfold article "Sex and Ideology in Cuba" by Laura Gotkowitz and Richard Turits (GCN, September 29, 1984) was riddled with distortions, evasions, omissions, and a very disturbing naivete concerning the nature of contemporary Stalinist societies.

Gotkowitz and Turits completely ignored the many thousands of Cuban gay men and women who left the island during the port of Mariel exodus in 1980 (thirteen years after the UMAP camps were dismantled). Were these Cuban gay people seized by a collective panic out of touch with reality? Isn't it revealing that many Cuban *straights* claimed to be gay in order to be declared undesirables and thus allowed to leave the country? Isn't the Cuban Communist Party telling us something when its newspaper (*Granma Weekly Review*, April 13, 1980) claimed that the people who sought refuge in the Peruvian embassy immediately before the Mariel exodus were, "...in their great majority criminals, lumpen and anti-social elements, loafers and parasites.... To judge by their dress, manners and language, seldom has such a 'select' group gathered anywhere.... Even though in our country homosexuals are not persecuted or harassed, there are quite a few of them in the Peruvian embassy grounds, aside from those involved in gambling and drugs who have no easy outlets for their vices here."

As the Southern sheriff once said: "I strongly believe in equality for Niggers."

Gotkowitz and Turits ignore or are perhaps unaware that in all places of employment and schools a file (*expediente*) is kept on each worker and student which includes data provided by the so-called neighborhood defense committees (CDR's) and other "mass organizations." This constitutes a vast system of personal background information, popularly referred to as *cuentame tu vida* or "tell me your life story," concerning political attitudes, "voluntary" labor, and activities in these "mass organizations." This information is used to determine access to employment, promotion and higher specialized technical education. For example, a few years ago it was revealed that 411 students who had passed with very high scores their medical entrance examinations were not permitted to enter medical schools because they had a "bad political outlook" (*malafornación política*) or were "morally lacking" which in Cuba frequently refers to homosexuality (*Bohemia*, Havana, March 19, 1982, p. 46). This is no idle speculation when we consider that Carlos Rafael Rodríguez, a top Cuban figure and member of the Political Bureau of the Cuban Communist Party stated the following:

"Our society has produced a global rejection of homosexuals. I don't want to discuss our reasons for doing this. I know that some friends criticize this. But it is the way it is. Some of these homosexuals try to find an accommodation in other societies where their maladjustment may be less or even — as occurred in the USA — where other like minded groups receive them as heroes." (*Areito*, New York, Vol. VII, No. 25, 1981, page 6).

Gotkowitz and Turits evade the question of the treatment of political prisoners in Cuba. They vaguely refer to an Amnesty International 1977 report without mentioning that neither Amnesty nor anybody else has been allowed to visit these prisoners. Nor do they mention that in June of 1984, Amnesty International issued a new and much more strongly worded report criticizing the physical maltreatment of prisoners, the widespread practice of resentencing (i.e., giving new sentences after the original ones have been served and expired), as well as other reactionary features of the Cuban penal system. To concentrate on the specific issue of Valladares' political background is the classic red herring since there are many *hundreds* of political prisoners in Cuba ranging across the entire social and political spectrum: traditional right wingers, Jehovah Witnesses, social democrats, gays, organizers of illegal union activity, former leaders of the old Cuban Communist Party (e.g., Ricardo Bofill and Edmigio

López Castillo) and revolutionary Marxists such as Ariel Hidalgo.

Since the movie *Improper Conduct* cannot be publicly shown in Cuba, I am puzzled as to how interviewees Monika Krause and Ambrosio Fornet are so familiar with the film's content. Did they watch a private screening for the elite? Did they see it while abroad? Why doesn't the Castro regime allow it to be publicly shown and let the people make up their own minds about it? If Fornet feels that an apology is due to Caracol why doesn't he write about this matter in the *Cuban press*? Furthermore, Fornet is lying when he says that "nobody was 'persecuted' for expressing their point of view. The Cuban walls are full of counter-revolutionary words, but nobody worries about that and nobody is sent to trial for that." I visited Cuba in late 1979 and I accompanied a woman friend during her guard duty stint for the CDR. She had been explicitly instructed to look out for and denounce to the authorities, among other things, opposition leaflets which were said to have been distributed at the time in Havana. Since then, on March 12, 1980, the government issued Decree Law No. 34. It established that students, teachers and workers could be removed from educational institutions for "publicly defaming or scorning the institutions of the republic and the country's political, social, and mass organizations, heroes and martyrs." Also, article 108 of the Cuban Penal Code (under the Fifth Section titled "Enemy Propaganda") establishes prison penalties from one to eight years against any person "who incites against the social order, international solidarity or the socialist State by means of oral or written propaganda, or any other form."

Gotkowitz and Turits' naivete stretched the boundaries of belief when they state that the 1971 Congress on Education and Culture did not represent the government's position but that of a conference of schoolteachers. But who controls all conferences in Cuba? The Communist party and the government. They are the ones who have organized this and all other public affairs. Furthermore, it was the Party and government that orchestrated a full scale media campaign to publicize the 1971 conference proceedings and conclusions.

Gotkowitz and Turits are dangerously evasive when they allude to the question of the independent organization of gays. This is an issue on which there can be no compromise or "half a loaf." A union may be sometimes compelled to accept a small wage increase but it should not peacefully accept the abolition of the independence of the union itself. Even in the most democratic of socialist societies (which Cuba certainly is not) we would insist on the right of independent organization for gays, blacks, women and *all* specially oppressed groups.

It is quite misleading to excuse present homophobia in Cuba on the grounds that there has always been extensive anti-gay sentiment in the country. Indeed, widespread discrimination and ridicule of gays had existed for decades before Castro came to power. But it should be pointed out that *all governments* prior to Castro publicly ignored the question. The present regime has the "distinction" of having been the first in the history of the island to make homosexuality a public issue — on the wrong side of the barricades!!!

I would like to conclude by stating that nothing of what I have said here can or should be construed as weakening our principled opposition to the 25 year old U.S. hostile imperialist posture towards Cuba. However, the most militant opposition to these imperialist policies does not oblige us to support Castro-style Stalinism. Most of the U.S. Left has been capable of strongly opposing U.S. imperialist policies in Iran without becoming supporters or apologists for Khomeini. I don't see why we should not be able to make the same distinction with respect to Castro.

Samuel Farber  
Brooklyn, NY

*Writer's note: Cuban-born Samuel Farber is the author of Revolution and Counterrevolution in Cuba, 1933-60 and has worked for many years against U.S. intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean. He teaches political science at Brooklyn College.*

## focus on the fire

Dear GCN:

Your coverage of the Giovanni's Room set up here in Philadelphia has raised many questions. For example, why did Roberta Hacker (host of WXPN's Amazon Country) go to a city councilperson with her concerns about the pamphlet "How to Have Sex with Kids" rather than talk directly with the owners of Giovanni's Room? And how did it happen that the straight press learned of these conflicts only to exploit our gay and lesbian community by promoting the myth that gays molest children? And why is it that we find ourselves, involved in such a difficult controversy "Child Sexual Abuse versus Pedophilia: Similarities & Differences"? The answer to these questions are neither simple, painless, nor clear. What is clear is that something divisive is happening. Something we cannot afford to ignore.

Ms. Hyde's article concludes recognizing that "We all want some kind of healing process to begin." The wounds felt in the Philadelphia lesbian and gay community are deep. However, it is important to remember that they did not just "happen." Rather these wounds are the wounds of internalized oppression. The wounds inflicted upon oneself ... a suicide of sorts.

For those unfamiliar with the specifics, let us first review some of the recent history of the Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Community. The Giovanni's Room incident was merely one in a series of events sparked by the efforts of a group of so-called community "leaders." Their names may be familiar to you.

Let's go back about one year ago, to the Summer of 1983. At that time we find the Eromin Center's Board of Directors under the (so called) "leadership" of Kay Whitlock, Joanne Hyle, Jeff Eiberson and Sharon Dougherty. This Executive Committee spearheaded a move that resulted in the unethical firing of Tony Silvestre as Executive Director of the Eromin Center. This decision was made in complete violation of Eromin's By-Laws and personnel policies.

The fall arrived and Board Secretary Kay Whitlock refused to call a meeting to discuss the Board's unprincipled dismissal of Silvestre. She was petitioned by a number of corporation members to call such a meeting in order to allow for a process by which the Board of Directors would be held accountable for its actions. At the same time, Philadelphia's *Gay News* and writer Virginia Brownworth create fiction from fact while covering the "Eromin Controversy." The *Gay News* involves members of the straight press and they report the never documented accusations of fiscal mismanagement to the homophobic society in which we live.

The winter settles in and the Board of Directors, now supported by other community members such as Mary Lou Schack (past Board Co-Chair during the time in which the fiscal mismanagement supposedly occurred) and the new Eromin Director Tacy Vergara manage to increase Eromin's debt to \$150,000.00. This is three times the debt owed under Silvestre's administration. (A debt that did not increase over the past three years despite program growth.)

By February, 1984, Whitlock, Vergara, Eiberson, Schack, Hyle and others encourage Eromin Corporation members to vote to close the Eromin Center and its adolescent services program. Yes, a deep wound has been inflicted on our community. We have lost one of this nation's oldest gay counseling centers and its first adolescent group home for sexual minority youth. And what is most painful is that this loss is a product of the actions taken by members of our own community.

So how does this relate to the Giovanni's Room incident? There are several ways. First we see the same cast of characters acting as so-called "leaders" in our community. What kind of leadership leads us into a debate that can only be destructive? Will we ever see the day when the "community" can agree on a "politically correct" position on pedophilia?

Second, we see the same pattern of members of the gay and lesbian community deciding NOT to talk directly with other members of the community about their concerns...but rather going to the "authorities" who subsequently release their homophobia on our community. This is another form of internalized oppression, when members of an oppressed group reach out and identify with the powerful oppressor completely abandoning their herstory and their roots.

And finally, we must focus on the fire, not the smoke screen. Perhaps the Giovanni's Room set up was there to distract us from holding Whitlock and the others accountable for their roles in the destruction of the Eromin Center. Publicly positioning oneself against child sexual abuse is a safe and popular stance. Perhaps they were looking for some protection from the Eromin tragedy. Whitlock once quoted a famous Black baseball player: "...if they are running you out of town, let it look like you're leading a parade." Perhaps she listened to his advice.

As members of the gay and lesbian community we cannot afford to allow this parade to divert us from community accountability. Instead we must put a stop to this charade and tell the Whitlocks & Hackers of our community to take their destructiveness elsewhere. We must continue to speak out about violence against our community, and most forcefully when it is our sisters and brothers who abuse us and destroy our resources. To ignore this, would be the ultimate act of self-destruction.

In Struggle,  
K.F. Hugh  
Philadelphia, PA

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# Speaking Out

## Women in the Sex Industry

By Ruth Todasco

Coordinator, No Bad Women, Just Bad Laws Coalition

*The following was sent to the Co-chairs of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.*

The No Bad Women—Just Bad Laws Coalition is outraged by the attempt of some feminists to blame battering and rape on pornography, as laid out in the Summer 1984 issue of NCADV VOICE, and to equate battering and rape with pornography. We wonder why they have failed to notice that in many countries of the world where there is little or no visible pornography, there is no evidence that there is any less exploitation of, or violence towards women as a result. In the light of this, to suggest that the major cause of violence against women is pornography is absurd.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which has done so much to expose the police, the courts, the state's violence against women cannot now endorse this view that blames women in the sex industry for the violence against us. Nor can it remain neutral. Not to take a stand at all is to take the side of the police, courts and the state against women.

We welcome the opportunity to expose this attempt for what it is: one more way of letting the state off the hook.

The roots of battering and rape are in women's financial dependence. To the degree that women are forced into financial dependence and men put into a position of power over us, men are encouraged to take out their violence and frustrations on us as some compensation for unemployment, cuts in income, humiliation on the job. Basically they're telling me to take it out on somebody else, to go and rape someone or beat up and rape their wives because the police don't care and it's easier and safer than beating up somebody at the Social Security office.

With rising unemployment and cutbacks in welfare, social security, and other entitlement programs, increasing numbers of women are turning to the sex industry to provide a living for themselves and their families. Have anti-porn campaigners considered what effects greater censorship and forcing the sex industry underground would have on the working conditions and the safety of women in the sex industry? We cannot be concerned only with the safety of *some* women, in "approved" occupations.

Prostitutes and other women in the sex industry are not criminals, but single mothers, lesbians earning high wages to live independently of men, housewives needing extra cash, supporting elderly parents, students struggling to pay tuition, increasing numbers of women refusing to accept low-paying jobs, poverty and dependence as women's lot.

What censorship means in effect is more state control over our lives and greater police

powers. Ordinances against pornography further increase police discretionary power to arrest any group of people they may consider a "public nuisance" — which usually means Black people, lesbian and gay people, political activists, pickets, and poor working-class people generally.

Our fight for sexual freedom cannot be turned into a crusade for censorship.

As a coalition of groups and individuals united against the laws against prostitutes, we are deeply offended by the Minneapolis Ordinance on Pornography which states that pornography promotes "injury and degradation such as rape, battering, and prostitution" and inhibits "just enforcement of laws against these acts." The feminists authoring this ordinance are aligning themselves with the police against women trying to earn a living and feed their children in a society which discriminates economically against all women. They are calling on the dogs. In Toronto, some anti-porn "feminists" even helped the police put women in the paddy wagon. It is one thing for feminists to attack prostitution, but is quite another to attack workers in the sexual-servicing industry. It is necessary to distinguish between the workers and the bosses.

In August, 1982, the NCADV and member organizations resolved at the second National Meeting in Milwaukee to form alliances with groups working to end oppression, including the U.S. Prostitutes Collective (US PROS). We applaud this resolution. With permission from US PROS we are submitting 'A Worker in the Sex Industry's Message to the Anti-Porn Lobby 1983' for publication in NCADV VOICE.

It is important that this message and our supporting letter be printed in full. Please consult with us if there is any editorial change or any other proposed use of this message, as we are accountable to US PROS.

**"Speaking Out" is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. Submissions to "Speaking Out" should be TYPED and DOUBLE SPACED, and, if possible, held to under 5 pages in length. The opinions expressed in "Speaking Out" do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Write c/o Speaking Out, GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111**

## Community Voices

### more asian groups

Dear GCN:

I am glad that some Black gay journals are getting more exposure in GCN. But I am appalled that the author, in a listing of "Asian" gay groups, chose only to list white-run organizations. Instead of those listed, perhaps your Asian readers would be interested in the following list, compiled mostly from the current issue of the Asian Lesbians of the East Coast *newsletter*:

Tokyo Gay Support Group, CPO Box 1901, Tokyo, 100-91, Japan

Pink Triangle Press, GPO Box 1560, Hong Kong.

Lambda Indonesia, Kotakpos 122, Solo, Indonesia

Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays, 5825 Sunset Blvd., #210-18, Hollywood, CA 90028

Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians, 55 Sutter St., #97, San Francisco, CA 94104

Boston Asian Gay Men and Lesbians, c/o Glad Day Book Shop, 43 Winter St., Boston, MA 02108

Asian Lesbians of the East Coast, c/o Third World Women's Archives, PO Box 2651, New York, NY 10009

Both Sides Now, PO Box 5042, Kahului, Maui, HI 96732

Gays, Bisexuals & Lesbians of Color, c/o Gay People at Cornell, 207 Willard Straight Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853

Sapphire Matrix, PO Box 1244, Pahoa, HI 96778

Asian Lesbians of New England, PO Box 638, Cambridge, MA 02238

Lesbian and Gay Asian Network, PO Box 29627, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Gay Asians Toronto, Box 752, Station F, Toronto, ON M4Y 2M6

Many of the groups have newsletters — send a contribution!

In struggle,  
Daniel Tsang  
Philadelphia, PA

### supporting gay's the word

Dear GCN:

Please print names and addresses where letters should be sent to protest the British government's harassment of Gay's the Word Booksfore.

Thanks,  
Name Withheld  
Columbus, OH

*Editor's note: Letters of protest should be directed to: A.M. Fraser, C.B., T.D., Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise, Kings Beam House, Mark Lane, London, EC3, England. Financial contributions may be sent to: Defend Gay's the Word Campaign, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP, England.*

### have to live with it?

Dear GCN,

I would like to share something that a lot of our people are going through in the Washington State prison system, and that is job discrimination in the food services department of the McNeil Island Prison.

In the food services department there are a lot of jobs that our people are experienced at but can not get due to the so called "straight" population voting that gay people should not be allowed to cook, serve or handle food in any way shape or form.

The only jobs open to us are the dishwashing, cleaning the dining room and other jobs that the majority of the population don't want. I guess they're afraid of catching something (so what else is new?), but it makes me mad.

Something needs to be done in that we deserve to work at good jobs just like anyone else. Most of our people want to work and not just sit around and let time pass (and not get paid!).

What is funny is that the so called "straight" population, when it comes to getting their pleasures, we are the first on the list to be haunted.

Any additional input to this is welcome.

James Cone [Jamie]  
PO Box 1000 - 277240 - 1B2  
Steilacoom, WA 98388

### racism at the haymarket

Dear GCN:

This is a letter to all open minded gay men and especially those involved with Black and White Men Together.

I am a professional dancer and model. Recently my agent sent me to *The Haymarket*, the soon to be opened gay bar at the Avery Hotel. When I arrived for my interview I was informed by the manager that he would like to begin on a 'positive note,' and, therefore, wants only to have white dancers.

I am a talented dancer and my abilities are recognized by my agent. However, because I am a person of color, the majority due to my Native American ancestry and the remainder Mulatto, I was told there was no place for me.

In a community attempting to overcome prejudice and discrimination directed toward us such prejudice has no place.

I therefore urge all open minded gay men to avoid patronizing *The Haymarket* — until their racial policy changes to reflect the attitudes of the community, to whom the owner/manager is appealing for support.

Sincerely,  
Name withheld by request  
Boston, MA

### support by shanti

Dear GCN:

I hope this letter finds you and yours well and in good spirits.

I know you are aware of the current outbreak of A.I.D.S. (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and its many related diseases that is sweeping our community and now appears to be moving across a much wider spectrum of our society in general.

The government and medical community appear to be facing the impact of A.I.D.S. and its opportunistic diseases. There are bills before Congress seeking funds to study, research, and find a cure.

I would like to address your attention to another side of this affliction, that of the psychosocial and emotional problems confronting the patients and their loved ones who are experiencing this crisis. The Los Angeles Shanti Foundation (LASF) is seeking financial assistance to address the needs of these individuals. The Los Angeles Shanti Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization providing free counseling wherever it is needed, in the home, hospital or other care facility.

As you can imagine these services cost a great deal to provide. As all monies received by the Shanti Foundation are in the form of donations I am asking you to run a full-page spread of the enclosed information and donation request as a public service to help the Shanti Foundation give the aid and understanding the patients and families of this devastating disease so desperately need.

Please give this request your careful consideration. The Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, our community, and society in general will appreciate and needs your support.

John Summers  
1752 North Fuller Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

### Thanksgiving Reminder

The GCN office will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 so the staff can stuff itself like everyone else. We'll reopen Monday, November 26.

### change via economic clout

Dear GCN:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence I have had with the Salvation Army and with a mail-order business located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The letter from the Salvation Army was in response to my questioning whether the Boston Division supported the New York Division in refusing to accept a non-discrimination policy on the basis of sexual preference which had been passed by New York City; the answer is self-explanatory.

The correspondence with Agatha's Cozy Corner was in response to my letter informing them that I would not order anything from their catalogue, because they were located in Portsmouth and because I objected to the entrapment practices of the city, as reported in GCN and the Boston *Globe*. The response of their marketing director, and my reply to him are enclosed.

I have sent this correspondence to you because I believe the gay community can use its economic strengths to change policies that oppress sexual minorities. The poorest of us can choose not to buy from the Salvation Army whenever possible; our more affluent members can refuse to donate to the Salvation Army or to spend money in Portsmouth. All of us can write to the Salvation Army and the City Council of Portsmouth and explain why we are boycotting their businesses. Even the most closeted of us can refuse to give or to buy.

I hope that these letters will be of interest to you, and that other members of the gay community will follow through with letters to the Salvation Army and the City Council of Portsmouth, and with a boycott until these policies end.

All politics are local.

Sincerely,  
(Dr.) Barbara R. Hoffman  
Boston, MA

*Editor's note: The letter from the Salvation Army said in part: "Let me assure you that The Salvation Army does not discriminate in its services to the needy. We dedicate ourselves to meeting the needs of people at the time and point of need regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation. Where there is a need, there will be The Salvation Army, and although there may be some areas in which we take a firm position, it no way affects our commitment to assisting people in need."*

*The response from Agatha's Cozy Corner's Marketing Director said in part: "Because we are primarily mail order, we like to consider the scope of our business as national, and although we certainly see and respect your point-of-view regarding the politics of Portsmouth, we hope that you can see us as a national company divorced of local politics."*



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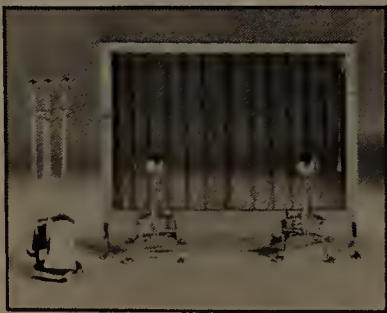


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## The Liberation of Survivors Feminist Analysis of Incest

By Pam Mitchell

About one hundred people crowded into a workshop entitled "Psychology and the Incest Survivor" at Boston's Gay and Lesbian Counseling Service (G.L.C.S.) this fall. The workshop was led by Eileen Grosso, a feminist therapist from Hartford, Conn. who has worked extensively with women survivors and is a survivor herself. Grosso put into a social and political context the experience of incest, as well as the recent movement to prevent its occurrence and to heal those hurt by it; she then discussed the effects such abuse has on women survivors, both lesbian and heterosexual, and nature of the healing process.

Publicity for the event had invited incest survivors, therapists and allies to attend; a show of hands identified about two-thirds of those present as survivors and another (obviously overlapping) two-thirds as therapists. In her welcoming remarks G.L.C.S. therapist Gloria Melnitsky, the workshop organizer, stressed the significance of this blending of trained mental-health professionals with many of the feminist activists involved in the incest survivor self-help movement.

tion and development of non-homophobic, anti-sexist theories about child sexual abuse vital — not only for children and for adult survivors, but for the gay male, lesbian and feminist communities as a whole.

Grosso defined as incestuous any relationship between family members in which overt sexual contact or sexualized overtones are accompanied both by a power differential and by an abuse of that power. Such cases of abuse can't be dismissed as criminal aberration or as "illness," Grosso maintained, but must be seen as a rigidification of "normal" male attitudes and behavior taught and reinforced by this culture. Citing statistics indicating that the overwhelming majority of incest perpetrators are male while the majority of victims are female, she focused her discussion on instances of father-daughter incest; she did, however, encourage members of the audience, which included a few men identifying themselves as survivors, to apply her theory to incest between other relatives to see what seems to fit and what doesn't. She presented an analysis of how incest operates within the heterosexual nuclear

failed to protect their daughters, though it does put the ultimate responsibility on males acting on perogatives provided them by patriarchy. In fact, according to Grosso's theory (which she named "The Persephone Complex"), the incestuous family is generally characterized by an early rupture, pre-dating the incest, between mother and daughter, a split that is then exploited and widened by the father, who may either "win over" the daughter and then betray the new trust and identification he has cultivated in her or may simply assume that her relationship with her mother is not strong enough to save her from his flagrant, undisguised abuse. Since the rupture with her mother disrupts the growing girl's sense of herself in relation to the world, it throws her development of identity and sexuality into chaos at a critical age (before the age of 5), with the subsequent experience of sexual abuse compounding the damage and confusion.

As a consequence of this confusion, Grosso has found that the sexual orientation of incest survivors is often in flux and undetermined well into adulthood; until the incest experience has been worked through emotionally, either choice — lesbianism or heterosexuality — can be more a defensive coping strategy than an expression of real preference. In her work as a therapist she now segregates survivors into all-lesbian and all-straight groups because she finds that heterosexual incest survivors are a particularly homophobic bunch, fearful that lesbianism may be the logical outcome of getting angry at their fathers and reclaiming their sexuality. And oftentimes they're right; many survivors do come out in the process of dealing with their incest. Grosso reports that it is also common for women previously identified as lesbians to go through a period of experimentation with heterosexuality once dealing with their pasts has given them the freedom to do so, with some of them deciding that they are in fact heterosexual or bisexual.

Grosso told the audience that she began working on the effects of incest in her own life several years ago in a survivor self-help group, deciding to return to graduate school to study traditional psychology (and feminist revisions of it) in search of a theoretical and therapeutic framework to put this work into. Her talk represented an attempt to rethink psychoanalytic and object-relations theory, applying what she has learned from her own life, in working with other survivors, and in gaining a feminist understanding of how sexism operates through individuals. Grosso and G.L.C.S. acknowledged their debt to the non-professional, self-help survivor movement by setting aside proceeds from the event to benefit two Boston area grassroots survivor organizations: *For Crying Out Loud*, an independent quarterly newsletter for women survivors of child sexual abuse, and Incest Resources, an educational, support and referral group. (Both groups operate out of the Women's Center in Cambridge.)

Grosso said the healing process generally includes a period of embracing the "survivor identity," that is, of the survivor giving her experience a label that explains and validates her fear and anger and makes it clear that her own emotional difficulties are shared with other survivors, that such difficulties — which include such patterns as a tendency to isolate and

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Grosso and the feminist survivors and therapists who organized and attended the G.L.C.S. conference are part of a movement intent on keeping a feminist perspective in the work of healing survivors and protecting children from sexual abuse. Recently, mental health professionals and researchers have begun paying more attention to the sexual abuse of children in response to the challenge of feminist theorists, a burgeoning grassroots self-help movement among incest survivors, and the attention of the mainstream media. The latter unfortunately have discovered not only that child sexual abuse sells newspapers, but also that such a highly-charged issue can be easily manipulated; in place of the radical implications of a massive movement against institutionalized incest in the heterosexual family — a movement striking at the heart of gender division and the oppression of women and children — comes such distortions as homophobic attacks against consensual sex involving gay male youths and anti-feminist attacks on daycare. This threat from the right makes exchanges of informa-

family to perpetuate divisions between women and to reinforce dehumanizing norms of "masculinity."

Grosso described how a young child who has been betrayed, not only by an exploitive father but by a mother unwilling or unable to protect her, will feel major effects extending throughout her life, influencing the development of her sexual orientation, gender identity, and role-model identification and also framing her capacity for sexual pleasure and her ability to achieve emotional and physical intimacy. Grosso, a lesbian speaking to a predominantly lesbian audience, stressed that abuse at the hands of a man has not only the obvious effects on the way a woman might feel about other men in later life, but that the breach with her mother causes the survivor to have serious difficulties in future relationships with women as well, difficulties including distrust, sexual dysfunction, fear of dependency and closeness. This has profound implications for lesbians as a community; as estimates of the number of children experiencing incest go up as new information comes to light, it seems more and more clear that any lesbian who is not herself a survivor will find herself in close relationships with women who are.

A feminist analysis of incest does not require absolving of all responsibility mothers who have

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# Gay Man Arrested In Murder Case

By Larry Goldsmith

PROVIDENCE, RI — A Manchester, N.H. gay man who was convicted *in absentia* in 1979 of murdering his lover has been arrested here. Manchester police, who are now seeking to extradite Joseph Lister, say that Lister told a psychiatrist just before his trial that he had a "compulsion" to kill gay men and that he had killed a gay man every six months for the past eleven years. Lister escaped during jury selection, but his murder trial continued; he was found guilty but was never formally sentenced.

According to Manchester Deputy Police Chief Edmund LeBoeuf, Lister gave the psychiatrist no details about the other murders he claimed to have committed.

## Panic Defense Rejected At Sentencing

By Micheline Justman

ERIE, PA — Repeating his opinion that alleged homosexual advances do not justify homicide, Erie County Court Judge William Pfadt sentenced Wayne Green, 25, to life in prison on October 17, for the murder of Gregory Minadeo on Sept. 9, 1982.

Defense Attorney Bradly Foulk argued that Green acted in self-defense "of a reasonable manner, an overreaction occurrence during a sexual advance by a man," and that "circumstances in the particular case make it different from a lot of homicides."

Pfadt responded, "I fail to see

LeBoeuf told *GCN* he was unaware of unsolved murders in New Hampshire that might be linked to Lister, but said that Lister has traveled extensively.

"He's been all over the country," LeBoeuf said. "He's a wierdo."

A November 6 Associated Press article reported that Lister escaped in 1974 from Ossining State Prison in New York, where he was serving a 15-year manslaughter sentence for shooting "a gay acquaintance in New York City." According to that article, Lister was convicted in 1971 under the alias Paul LeForestir.

Lister is also wanted by Somerville, Mass. police on charges of attempted murder. According to

Somerville Police Captain Robert Bradley, Lister shot his gay roommate five times on August 8, 1975 in their home at a Sycamore Terrace rooming house. The man, Howard Stickney, survived the shooting, but police have not been able to locate him. Bradley asked that anyone with information as to Stickney's whereabouts contact the Somerville Police Department Detective Bureau at (617) 625-1253.

Upon extradition to New Hampshire, Lister will face a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole for his conviction on the 1979 charge of first-degree murder.

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any mitigating circumstances here, not that I could take into account such circumstances anyway," in pronouncing the life sentence.

Assistant District Attorney Shad Connelly argued for a conviction of first degree murder and for the death penalty because Minadeo, 48, was tortured before he died "in one of the most vicious and brutal [crimes] in the community in its history."

A self-described pool hustler, Green asked for a ride home from several men at Vincent's, a now-defunct Erie gay bar. Minadeo offered him a ride after the men left

the bar separately. His body was found near the dock with 42 stab wounds.

On Jan. 24, 1984, following an October, 1983, non-jury trial, Pfadt found Green guilty of second degree murder (felony murder) because Green's intent was to rob Minadeo before the murder occurred. Sentencing was delayed when Pfadt suffered a heart attack in May and subsequent surgery in July.

Green, described by Connelly as "a dangerous and criminal person," will appeal the sentencing.

the closeted nature of the city's gay community.

A series of debates between Goodner and supporters of the ordinance is underway.

Jenkins said the debates and other events will give CUH media exposure and provide the group with a forum for their campaign which she characterized as one of combatting discrimination.

Bohannon expressed concern that people in other cities will think that the affluent community of Houston doesn't need help with the referendum battle. But, he said, "we're fighting Virginia and Alabama and Utah, too. We have to rally around the hot spots. The attitude that it's just a local effort is self-defeating because every local defeat fuels the next one."

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## Baltimore

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Nancy Roth, newly hired executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, presented the opposing opinion. Roth's irritation showed as she countered Cameron's arguments by saying it's "outrageous to say that ten percent of the population are second-class citizens."

A gay man wearing a "No Homophobia" badge expressed his indignation at Cameron's remarks, but a woman caller said she agreed with Cameron.

Paulette Goodman, president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Washington, D.C., contributed a voice of reason to the discussion. "Homophobia is a disease that can be cured by education," Goodman said.

From the Baltimore Civil Rights Coalition for C.C. 187, Mardie Walker challenged host Richard Sher. "Why does WJZ-TV give public forum to a person who preaches hatred and incites violence?" she asked.

## Incest Survivors

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be overly self-sufficient; an overdeveloped ability to function in crisis (which often gets translated into a kind of "addiction to intensity"); difficulties in achieving orgasm, either always or under specific circumstances that remind her of her abuse — arose as adaptations to situations over which the survivor had little control. This understanding, and the feeling of finally belonging somewhere, can be best achieved through working with other survivors. But Grosso said that the survivor's healing process also must include learning to trust the world and her own power in it enough so that she may ultimately let go of her dependence on these "survivor skills," channeling her anger in productive directions and letting playfulness, intimacy and serenity into her life. Grosso held out hope that a strong and informed community of survivors, mental-health workers, and other feminists will not only make such healing possible for individual women but will ultimately help create an environment that protects and empowers children before the wounds occur.

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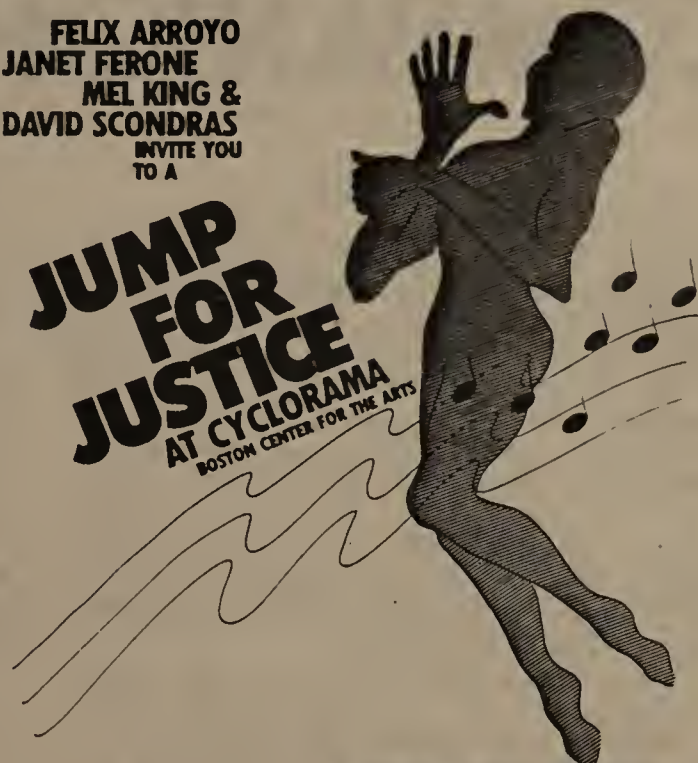
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# CREATING FAMILY FEELINGS COMPANIONS FOR MEN WITH AIDS

By Art Cohen

AIDS is a nightmare. For many individuals it is a nightmare of suffering, early death and inexplicable loss. For our movement, it has been a political nightmare, a terrible weapon in the hands of our enemies. This is the story of some people who have tried to look beyond the nightmare, who have confronted their grief and fear and tried to find some meaning in this tragedy.

Kevin McConville is a 28-year-old man with AIDS. He became involved with the AIDS Action Committee long before his diagnosis, because he wanted to make a film about AIDS. As part of a program run by the Committee which provides volunteer assistance to people with AIDS, Kevin was assigned to work with Bill Benville. They developed a powerful friendship.

"I recognize now just how mutual and enduring Bill's and my relationship was. He taught me a lot in terms of how to minimize your losses and appreciate what you still have.... You can still control your relationships, your emotions, maintain responsibilities around those relationships."

Kevin is a Support Services Worker with the AIDS Action Committee in Boston. Support work is gay people taking care of each other, caring for each other at a non-sexual level. It is the cutting edge of a profound revolution in gay male life. The questions it raises and the solutions it proposes may change forever the way gay men relate to each other.

**Kevin:** "History is going to judge the gay community by how we respond to this crisis. It's a turning point for us."

"Some day the horror show is going to be over...but we'll be able to look each other in the eye and know that we took care of each other, we took responsibility for each other and ourselves.... I think it's going to redefine a lot of what it means to be gay. It doesn't mean free and easy sex and drugs and dancing. There was nothing wrong with that when it was safe, but it isn't [safe] any more."

Support work means being available to the person with AIDS and to the person's friends and family. It can involve a major commitment in time and energy but the rewards are incredible. The work involves everything from providing rides to taking care of someone in their home. All support services volunteers are carefully screened through a tough application and interview process and then are trained in a program which includes counseling, role playing and basic information about AIDS.

Jim Kuchinsky got involved with the AIDS Action Committee when he and his lover returned to the city after a quiet life in the suburbs for several years. Jim saw the AIDS Action Committee as an opportunity to become involved in gay life in a constructive way.

**JIM: "I loved this man, and it made me angry that someone with his talent, with his feeling for life, would have to end...angry with our government because the money hasn't been put in. I still don't think there's enough money put into it. Legionnaire's Disease attacked maybe 200 heterosexual people, and they found a cure for that in such a short time."**



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**Jim:** "It [AIDS] could happen to anybody. It could happen to my best friend or to my lover or to myself, and I would want someone to be there. That's one of the reasons I got involved."

"You become a homemaker, you become a friend, a cook, a shopper. The roles that you fill are tremendous. You can receive calls at two o'clock in the morning just to talk... There's nothing we don't do.... You try to set times, like I go to the hospital and say, 'I'm only going to see Fred for a half hour today because I have to do this tonight,' and get to the hospital and you either start talking or something would happen and four hours later you could be leaving the hospital. You learn not to put a time limit because you can't do it."

Support services workers include both men and women from the community. Support work is not a part-time or extracurricular activity. It means taking on the responsibilities of a family, a family relationship which can be as powerful, as intense and as totally consuming as any family relationship based on blood.

For both Jim and Kevin, building a sense of family with men with AIDS has brought profound changes in the way they view their lives and responsibilities. In part these changes have come from direct contact with mortality

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which has made them examine and appreciate things in their own lives a little more. This sense of non-biological family, based on the intimacy of sharing death, is rare in the gay, as well as the heterosexual, community. The AIDS epidemic has created an opportunity for a new level of intimacy among gay men (and to a lesser degree, lesbians).

**Kevin:** "I got to meet Billy around the beginning of September [1983] and we just hit it off, we liked each other, we had a lot in common. He was real fiesty, he was in no sense, way, shape or form a victim. He took control of his life.... It was a helping relationship, but he helped me just as much as I helped him. It was very mutual."

"I got very attached to him. I enjoyed going over there every day. I miss him. We got to be good friends and when he died I had a very hard time with it. I experienced some serious depression. He died two weeks before Christmas on December 12, 1983."

**Jim:** "The first person I worked with, I was one of four people working with him. When I met Fred, he was in pretty stable condition. He was a fascinating man. We communicated wonderfully together. He was interesting...a bond grew there. I worked with Fred for about seven months, and the seven months that I worked with him I came to love him and really care for him and his lover."

**Kevin:** "When I first met Bill, it took me quite a while to get past the disease. We all bring our own baggage into that kind of stuff. It was scary for me. It was something I never thought I'd be able to do.... He taught me that the virus was just so secondary, and he made it so easy for me to look past the illness and find the person; he wasn't overcome with it."

"A support relationship should be the same as any other relationship...and that relationship needs to be built on friendship rather than premeditation. Once you establish the relationship, what you want to do is encourage the person to feel comfortable with you to such a level that he's willing to share the most intimate experience of his life, namely, death."

**Jim:** "The members of the [support services] team I was working with, we would alternate spending time with Fred. We would stay over his house during the weekends and provide meals and it became like a buddy system.... Doing the shopping, doing the laundry, answering the telephone, just watching television together, talking about

AIDS, talking about religion, politics, the anger, the fears just talking about everything."

**Kevin:** "With Bill, his family lived in Florida and a lot of his friends had nine-to-five jobs and were busy; I had a lot of time and liked hanging out with him. So it depended on what he wanted. If he needed somebody to cook for him I would cook for him, do his laundry, go pick up prescriptions for him, and take him to the doctor.... But the heart of the relationship was talking, and more so than that, listening, enabling him to feel comfortable enough and trust me enough to relate his fears and his anxieties."

**Jim:** "Fred needed people to be there, someone to sit there and hold his hand and not say anything, to know that it was okay, that he wasn't a leper, that he was loved that it wasn't his fault that he had come down with AIDS. The need for touch, the need to be held, the reassurance that it's okay, whatever you're feeling, the anger, the pity the sadness...it's okay."

**Kevin:** "One of the crucial parts of the acceptance stage is the ability for the patient to reflect on his or her life and justify their existence by saying, 'Well, I've had a good life.'... Around this disease some people fall into the trap of believing that, in some way, shape or form, their lifestyle was responsible. That makes them question their

whole life, which, if people allow themselves to get caught in that trap, is very frightening and very sad."

**Jim:** "We were a tremendous support to Fred's lover. They stayed together and he was there until the



**KEVIN: "I haven't given up, I've already beat it. I don't know how things end, as in the past. I've been very, very fortunate. May [from pneumonia], to be able to tell a lot of people how much care of my family and friends, the outcome of this could be for them they're okay and I want them to be less of what happens, because I want nothing else that I want. I want it because it's unknown."**



end. As a matter of fact, all of us were with Fred when he died. His mother was there, his lover, and the four of us.... They became part of your life. They became part of your family.... His lover and his mother were coming to my house for dinner that evening and I [got the word that they] were not going to make it, Fred had taken a bad turn.

**JIM:** “[Working with the committee has] made me look at a lot of things I never looked at in the past because I never had to confront it before.

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“The last four or five minutes he was fighting for his breaths. We were called into the room. His breathing had changed and, more or less, we just kind of supported each other and spoke to Fred and told him that we loved him.... And then he stopped breathing. Everyone was crying, and I think we all tried to support one another.”

✓ The experience of support services work can be both nurturing and draining. Support workers must have some flexibility in their lives because the need changes as the person’s health changes. Sometimes a family member or a lover needs more attention than the person with AIDS.

**Jim:** “[In the case of] the last man I worked with, I was more of a support to his family than a support to him.... His brother was an older man [who had] just found out from the diagnosis that his brother was gay,



Susan Fleischmann

**up. Regardless of the outcome, like myself. It’s not so much how you get there. I want to have recovered in time to re-examine a lot of my life, to feel about them and to take care of them around what the ultimate outcome is for me. I want to make sure I know I’m okay regardless of what happens. I really am. There’s nothing I’m afraid of dying, but only**

which was something very hard to face. I helped his brother understand what the disease was about, [and] to get over his fears about getting AIDS just by being in the same room with somebody.... [I] helped to teach him that gay people are like anybody else, we have the same feelings, the same desires and the same goals. It was a wonderful experience for me because I got to look at it

through the eyes of a straight person.”

The AIDS crisis has brought many people into the streets and meeting halls in anger. Kevin McConville already thought of himself as political when he came to the AIDS Action Committee. Jim Kuchinsky did not.

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“One of the greatest gifts I got from working with the committee is working with lesbians and gay men on a non-sexual level. Our society has trained us to meet on a sexual level. We’ll sleep together first and then we’ll get to know each other, maybe.

“I never took the time to get to know a woman. It’s helped educate me to what women are fighting for. It’s made me look at a lot of things I never looked at in the past because I never had to confront it before.

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of the hospital. I’ve met somebody since and he’s known the situation from the day we met. His theory is: “Anyone who isn’t taking precautions today is crazy, and I’d just as soon take them with you.” When [my lover] first left, I was devastated. I never thought that kind of relationship was going to be possible for me again. I’m finding out that it is. Naturally it’s awkward to an extent, but we work around it. There are still some things that we can do. It’s really nice to have someone to hold on to at night and I didn’t think that was ever going to be available to me again.

“And you know what’s unusual is that before, the sex was the first thing to come and that was like primary. It was like, ‘Well, now that that’s out of the way, who are you? What’s your name?’ And now, it’s like the reverse. Like this man that I’m seeing now, we got to know each other on a whole other level, first, and it’s real nice. The sex is just a bonus to everything else, where it used to be the other way round for a lot of gay men.

“For all the horror, there is a good side to this too. I’d like to think it’s made me more of a person. Sometimes I regret that I didn’t know then what I know now, but that’s



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ville developed symptoms which suggested AIDS, symptoms which he ignored out of fear. Finally, five months after Bill’s death, Kevin too was diagnosed with AIDS. But Bill Benville’s memory and the lessons he taught remain with Kevin.

**Kevin:** “I haven’t given up. I think that I have a shot at it. I don’t think my chances are very good, statistically speaking. [But] regardless of the outcome, I’ve already beat it. I like myself. I feel comfortable with myself. I’ve had a good full life, I have wonderful friends, my family’s been terrific. It’s not so much how things end, as it is how you get there. I’m afraid of dying, but only because it’s unknown. I think I’ve been very, very fortunate to have recovered in May [from pneumonia], to reexamine a lot of my life, to tell a lot of people how I feel about them and to take care of my family and friends around the fact about what the ultimate outcome of this could be for me, and I want to make sure that they’re okay and I want to make sure that they know that I’m okay regardless of what happens, because I really am. There’s nothing else that I want.

“My lover moved out about two weeks after I got out

water under the bridge. Stuff that I used to take for granted, I just don’t anymore, especially around people. I really appreciate my relationships a lot more than I used to.

“I like to go visit newly diagnosed patients because I know that’s the most horrific part of the whole disease. When you’re first diagnosed, you really tend to throw in the towel and it’s like, ‘Holy shit, it’s all over.’ So I try to encourage people. I say, ‘Me too, but it was five months ago and I’m still walking around, it’s not over yet. There’s a chance here, you still have some life here, it’s not over yet.’”



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# Men's Music: Self-Exposure

By Warren Blumenfeld

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Of the world forever, it seems.

These words by the nineteenth century British poet Arthur E. O'Shaughnessy express the view that the musician has, throughout the ages, played an important role in effecting progressive social and political changes through song.

In line with this, today we are seeing what some are calling a "new age of men's music." Taking its lead and inspiration from a steadily increasing list of politically active female artists, a relatively new crop of male performers is attempting, through its art, to move people to look at such issues as gender roles and violence directed against women.

This fall, I traveled down to Providence, R.I. to hear in concert one of the prime exponents of this movement. Brother to Brother, an organization dedicated to helping end violence against women as well as to enrich men's lives, sponsored singer/songwriter Geof Morgan who is currently touring nationwide with his "Songs of Changing Men." He was joined this evening by the twelve-member Rhode Island Feminist Chorus.

Before the concert I spoke with two chorus members and asked them how they felt performing with a man. Says Jody Glass: "Geof is a feminist. I feel proud to share the stage with him." Miriam Jefferson agrees: "We feel comfortable with him because we hold the same vision for the future — the same hopes and the same dreams."

Geof's music is an eclectic stew containing ingredients of folk, pop and country seasoned with a pinch of Spanish flamenco and Blakan dance sounds. This is suspended in a richness of vocal clarity and instrumental skill which he gently warms with humor, ironic wit, poignancy and deeply felt emotions.

Geof's professional roots go back more than ten years. With an interest in country music, he located in Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a career as songwriter. Personal changes and involvement in feminism led him to explore the growing men's movement from which he now derives the themes for his music and a foundation for his life. He now resides in Seattle where he and the woman in his life are raising two young children.

The major theme in his songs today center around the dilemma of being raised male. During his performances he exposes the process by which men are socialized at each stage of their lives. In his song "Homophobia," the system begins very early:

Back when I was very young,  
I was a curious boy.

One day my daddy caught me  
alone and said,

Son, you know that ain't no  
toy.

You keep playing with yourself,  
You'll never learn the social  
rules.

My son's gonna be a football  
hero,

Not one of those sissy fools.

The process continues throughout a man's life and, in the song "Nobody Knows You," we see a man, considered successful by traditional standards, who fears showing his vulnerability and lives out his days around people who never really get to know him. In "Goodbye, John Wayne" (which Geof dedicates to our "acting" president) the image of tough virility remains, but men now can choose to reject it:

Yes, you had strength,  
and that I can use.

But you never tried  
to let anyone through.

I can't live behind walls



Geof Morgan

with my feelings in chains.

Goodbye, John Wayne.

Having rejected the image, in the song "Take It Back" Geof calls on men to seize the power to define their own lives and to "reclaim your heart, forget what they taught you." Finally, in the refrain of "Glad to Be a Man," men can feel joy that comes when throwing off their oppression.

I'm glad to be a man,  
for the strength in my heart  
and hand.

It's taken so long to see where  
I stand,

I'm so glad to be a man.

Geof talked with me backstage about how he is working through the issues involved in the changing role of men. "We have to take some risks to find out who we are," he said. "We have to get rid of our liberal guilt feelings over the issue of taking power over our lives. We can be powerful while at the same time being safe and supportive allies for women."

Other topics he touches upon in his songs center around the joys and trials of fathering small children, the realities of toxic waste in the workplace, and the clouded attitudes the U.S. has toward other countries in the world. He even gives a humorous expose of the oppression which is heaped on those who wear glasses and a rather gory look into a refrigerator which hasn't been cleaned in years.

Rounding out the evening was the Rhode Island Feminist Chorus which performed works by such artists as Sweet Honey in the Rock ("More Than a Paycheck") and Meg Christian ("The Road I Took To You"). Particularly moving was their interpretation of Holly Near's "Hay Una Mujer" where they forcefully called out the names of women missing under the dictatorial regimes in place in Latin America. Geof joined the Chorus and together they sang his "Take Back the Night" which challenges us all to make the streets safe for every woman. Sharing similar strengths and philosophies of the role of performance, the Rhode Island Feminist Chorus and Geof Morgan's appearing at the same concert turned out to be a very complementary arrangement which gave both balance and variety to the evening.

As a performer, Geof is confident and open; as a talent, he is remarkably gifted. He carries with him a grace of being which I find rarely in male performers which he transmits from stage to audience. He gives the impression of liking himself, liking what he is doing, and in turn, liking people. He epitomizes the French expression, "Se sentir bien dans sa peau" (To feel comfortable in one's own skin).

A minor criticism I had with his performance, however, centered around the frequent costume changes he underwent, I gather, to help set the tone and add a bit

more color to his songs. The first few changes seemed interesting but soon the changes turned into a distraction and interfered with his pacing.

Attending the concert with me was my friend Berni who didn't share my enthusiasm for the evening's performance. After intermission, Geof sang "The Penis Song" which exposed, if you will, the ways in which this organ has been used as a symbol of domination and power. As in his song "Homophobia," he encouraged the members of the audience to sing the chorus part along with him to "exorcise any negative connotations you may have" with the terms expressed:

It's my penis, my penis,

You see how much has truly  
come between us.

Oh, my penis, my penis,

Let's start again, and this time  
be friends.

After lots of giggles and nervous laughter emanated from the audience, Geof told the women they could change the words from "my penis" to "your penis" if they would feel more comfortable.

Berni was outraged. "How can a man ask women to sing that," she shrieked in my ear. "I'd never sing that, never." She also felt it was unfair for the woman who was interpreting for those with hearing impairments in the audience to have to sign this song. When it came time for us all to join in, many of the women sang along. Undaunted, Berni sat there quietly.

Though most in the audience were genuinely moved by Geof's performance, Berni had her reservations: "He sings real well," she said, "and his politics are great, and he says all the right things, but it just somehow doesn't ring true to me. Even though I think what he's doing is a great first step and it's real important, it's going to take a very long time for some women to trust this, because there's been too many years of oppression directed against us. What I'm hearing here tonight is so new."

It is true; what Geof and a growing number of male performers are doing is new. It is a beginning, and because of this it may sometimes appear to be experimental or forced. The important thing is that men are indeed now taking risks, expanding their range of behavioral options, creating new role models. With anything new and untried, mistakes are bound to be made. It is a good thing that part of this new men's consciousness lies in the realization that personal, and for that matter, political perfection is not a possibility; in reality, it never really was.

Geof Morgan has recorded three albums: *It Comes With the Plumbing*, *Finally Letting Go*, and *At the Edge*. For orders and information write: P.O. Box 5881, Bellingham, WA 98227.



## New Lesbian Rituals, part 2

# The Wedding Reception

By Amy Hoffman

I've been reading a biography of Vita Sackville-West, an aristocratic British writer who carried on innumerable affairs with women, the most famous of which was with Virginia Woolf. Virginia immortalized Vita in her fantasy *Orlando*, and in a series of love letters, that, oh, if someone ever wrote to me like that, I could just die happy right away. They're the letters you're waiting for every day when you tear into your mail, only you receive dentist bills, or letters tantalizingly return-addressed "Katharine Hepburn" which turn out to be fundraising appeals from Planned Parenthood.

Imagine Vita, in her high boots and family pearls, at the door of her castle, slashing open fat envelopes, reading, "Dearest Creature...." Vita was married to the diplomat Harold Nicolson, and although they were both queer as three-dollar bills, they spent their lives madly in love with each other. Even they thought this was a pretty good trick, and, since they accomplished it partly by living half-way across the planet from one another much of the time, they wrote regularly back and forth, commending themselves for their glamorous marriage. They event went on the radio to teach the British public how they could do it too.

Of course, one way you do it is with money. Vita would take off to secluded places in Italy or France with her companions, leaving Harold in Constantinople and

the kids with their nanny. The one time that Vita, disguised as the boy Julian, threatened never to come home, Harold and the husband of Julian's lady-friend went charging off to Europe to retrieve them.

The social opprobrium Vita and Harold might otherwise have experienced because of their peculiar sexual proclivities was cushioned for them by the social hyper-enthusiasm for marriage, and by the money and status that made their unique marriage possible.

The difficult feat of balancing love, lust, work and politics for most lesbians and gay men is made nearly impossible by the necessity of coping, at the same time, with our angry families, disapproving bosses, disgusted landlords, and horrified friends, not to mention gay-bashing thugs or cops. They're damn right when they tell us our relationships often don't last. In a culture which portrays love as an act of god, of which humans are the blind and enthralled recipients, it's easy to ignore the enormous amount of help Cupid receives from the very earthly social and economic exchange which constitutes (heterosexual) romance.

Given this world's hysterical inhospitality to lesbian love, I was surprised to receive a xeroxed card which asked me to a dinner at the refined address of my friend Morgan's parents. Apparently, they had decided to introduce a

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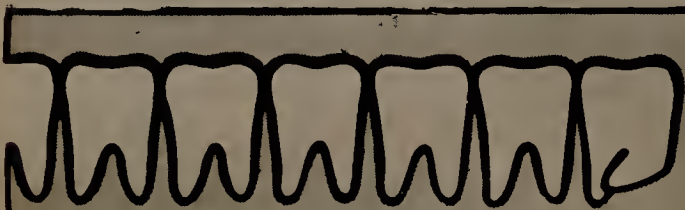
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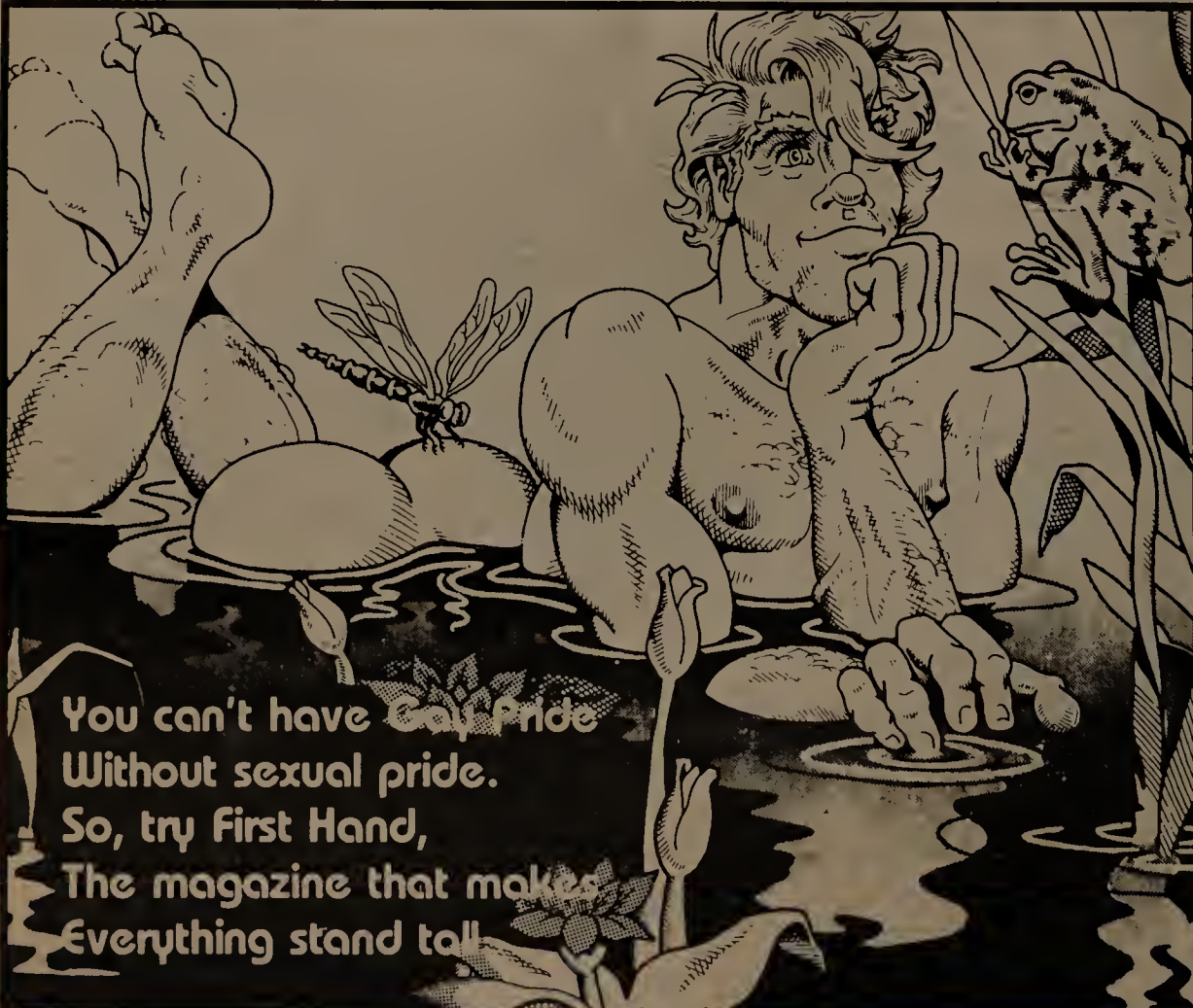
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## New Rituals

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delegation of their friends and relatives to their daughter's woman lover and dyke pals. I wondered if Morgan had prepped them for receiving RSVPs from people like me, an unemployed, pinko Jew from a scummy suburb off the Jersey Turnpike, or my lover, a woman whose haircut had caused her own mother to throw her out of the house.

My first mistake was to take the informal tone of the invitation literally. I wore my brand new, very dashing French blue jeans, and my red suede boots. My lover, as usual, wore black. When we made our entrance, fashionably late, the other guests had already started eating. However, we were graciously welcomed and deftly separated, to be seated at two of the small tables which were scattered around the elegant dining room. At each table sat two relatives and two lesbians. The other lesbians were all wearing dresses they had bought to attend siblings' weddings. I was a bit disoriented by the absence at this type of an occasion of a chopped liver chicken. Instead, we were served cold salmon, snow peas, new potatoes, salad. White wine, chocolate mousse.

In a panic I looked for my lover across the room, but I couldn't catch her eye. How was I going to make conversation through an entire meal with two women old enough to be my mother, to whom I'd been introduced only by their first names? I didn't know how to address them. In my family, all adults have titles, and intergenerational familiarity is frowned upon. I was relieved to see that seated across from me was Betsy, Morgan's lover and my old friend (ex-lover, to be exact, and I couldn't help thinking that she could never have expected to be treated so nicely by my family. My mother believes I haven't had a happy relationship since I was 17 and dating a boy who went to rabbinical school.).

Betsy looked at me brightly and said, "We're talking about reincarnation." Not my specialty; she

knows I'm anti-spirituality. One of my dinner companions had been to the Amazon, and to Khatmandu; she explained transcendental meditation, table-turning and faith healing. Neither woman said anything about her children, their graduate degrees, salaries or happy marriage, nor did either one correct my posture or table manners. To my relief, they ignored me, until, about ten minutes into the dinner, one of them placed her hand on my forearm kindly and said, "We haven't asked you anything about yourself yet because we wanted to give you time to catch up with your dinner." I choked on my fish: women her age don't ask someone like me about herself, they tell.

Automatically, I began reciting the "PG" version of my life's story, approved by my parents for family enjoyment. In it, I'm a mumbly nerd who showed some promise in high school, but went on to spend a long time finishing college studying an unprofitable major. After that, I worked at deadend jobs for astounding low pay, including, at my worst, an inexplicable position on a never-identified "feminist" newspaper. Recently, I quit a very oddly managed publishing house. I have few friends, no lovers, little talent, weird enthusiasms. I have an unflattering haircut and wear ugly clothes.

Betsy glared at me. In my polite nervousness I had failed utterly to rise to the educational purpose of this evening. "Amy used to be an editor at GAY Community News," she added sweetly. "She worked in a COLLECTIVE which publishes SOCIALIST books." She pointed out my girlfriend, who was demonstrating aerobic exercises to her fascinated tablemates. "Amy and her LOVER publish a LESBIAN SEX MAGAZINE. Amy is a WRITER."

I am a dinosaur. Even where the mucky swamps have dried up, I'm still slogging away, oblivious to the more adaptive types springing effortlessly across the dry land. I had sensibly evolved armor with dangerous-looking spikes sticking out of it all over. Who knew I'd ever have a chance to remove it, and who knew I'd feel so uncouth shrugging it off?

After dinner everyone moved into the drawing room to open presents and make toasts. A bow-tied elderly man recited a poem he had written to Betsy and Morgan. It wasn't half bad. The party dispersed early, all the participants pleased though exhausted from sustaining, for so many hours, so much friendly curiosity. As party favors, we had been given imported chocolate apples next to our dinner plates. Most of the guests had courteously left theirs sitting on the table, but I grabbed mine on the way out. I'm kind of allergic to chocolate, and carrying it around made all the farewell handshaking and cheek-bussing a bit awkward, but I thought that its sweetness was something I might want.

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a semi-sad  
and miss-matched night.  
AIDS and books  
and Dignity  
and love and fear  
progressively.  
Stand up for liars  
Stand up for cheats  
As well as those  
who grace our streets.  
And where in all this  
do we fit?  
Uncomfortably I squirm  
and sit.  
What is the message  
we send out?  
Do we whisper with charm  
or unmannerly shout?  
I think demonstrations  
unless they are loving  
end up being nothing  
but pushing and shoving.  
Perhaps under Reagan  
our techniques should change.  
But I think I'd rather stay  
home on the range.

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**SEMI-COOP**  
Women's hse in Allston seeks 5th to complete our home. We are politically aware, mixed preference, open to pets near T & BFC 200 + avail 12/1 787-2192 (eves + weekends). (20)

2 rms avail in indep Fort Hill house w 2 GM 1dog 2cats \$250/mo incl util. Must be respon & able 2 pk up after yrself shd hv car call Bob 427-3829. (20)

Newton near Watertown Sq. LF24 seeks mature + independent LF in 20s to share 6rm apt. Yard, off st prkn, nr pub trans, nice nbrhd. \$225+utils. Must like dogs smkrs ok but no more pets please call Monica 527-4037. (20)

**MELVILLE-PARK, DORCH**  
2 men sk 1 GM to share lg renov Vct apt in good area nr stores + red T. We are neat respons tobac-free, not lovers. Rent 200 util 55 sec deposit 300. 288-3228 B4 10pm. (19)

LF32 sks 2 roommates nonsmokers to share furn house on beach close to train \$300/mo incl all util + phone no pets avail now and Dec 1. 286-1194. Revere. (19)

**BROOKLINE VILLAGE**  
LF42 & son13 seek 4 housemates to share lg Victorian home w/ 2 dogs 2 cats & piano. Children ok. No smoking, alcohol or drugs. Avail immed. \$250-\$350, incl util. Call 566-1873. (20)

**CAMBRIDGEPORT**  
4 LFs seek 1 LF 25+ for home in Cambridgeport. Semi-coop, semi-veg, nonsmkrs, sorry no pets, near T. \$132 + util. Avail Dec 1. Call 661-6771. (c)

**ROOMEZE**  
**-LESBIAN/GAY-**  
**-FEMINIST-**  
Roommate Matching Service  
\$15 fee  
Confidentiality Assured  
CALL 641-3095  
M-F 9-6/Sat 12-5

2 LF seek 3rd for 5 room JP apt. 1 of us smokes. Have 1 cat — more pets. Rent \$142 + utilities. Call 522-2104 in morning. (19)

Gay male, 20, seeks roommate. Can pay up to \$200/month for place in Boston. Call Mike 426-4469. (c)

L looking for roommate for beautiful house in Concord MA area lots of space inside + out sublet \$425 heat inc 371-1638 pls leave message. (19)

Beacon Hill: GM sks rspbl employed GM to shr 2 bdrm apt. Rent 250 plus util. Call 367-1861 after 7pm. Avail Dec. 1, first & last mo. rent.

L 24+ to share 2bdrm apt in Com nr Porter Sqr and bus line no pets\*250 + avail Dec 1, 628-6191 call after 6pm. (19)

LF to share sunny + spacious 2bdrm in 3-fam house w/porches, yard in safe area. Friendly semi-veg neat non-smkr. \$250 + negot. 783-0204 nites. (20)

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in beautiful South End duplex 5 min fr Copley \$500 + electricity with heat included. Magnif living room. Roof deck. Lge bedrooms washer dryr (617)536-1160. No sex calls please. (20)

2GM + 1F sk 1GM for lg hse in Brkline/Bright. frpl, dishw. Available 12/1. Call 277-2138 eves, wknds. (19)

Prof LF looking for 3 more to form coop household in Newton. 4 bdrms + 3 studies, near T. \$212+ utilities. Call Ede 965-4432 evenings. (19)

## HOUSING WANTED

**LOOKING FOR HOME**  
GM 27, responsible considerate seeks space in established household or others interested in finding inexpensive apt. Jim 522-6813.

## APARTMENTS

**APT IN THE COUNTRY**  
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## ROOMS FOR RENT

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### NEWS EDITOR & AD MANAGER

GCN seeks applicants to begin late fall/early winter. **News Editor:** Coordinate news dept; write/assign articles on local/national/international issues; edit and layout copy. Develop/expand GCN's coverage of events and issues of concern to gay people of color. Strong writing/editing skills; familiarity with gay/lesbian issues; knowledge of racial/ethnic communities and concerns. **Ad Manager:** Solicit revenue-producing ads and develop strategies for increased advertising; send out monthly billings. Strong organizational/interpersonal/recordkeeping skills. Previous sales/related experience helpful. Positions require commitment to gay liberation/feminism/social change/anti-racist politics/collective decision making. Salary: \$150/week + paid health/life insurance & 3 wks vacation. Apply by Nov. 30, 1984 to Gordon Gottlieb, GCN, 167 Tremont St., #5, Boston, MA 02111. Lesbians/gay men of color particularly encouraged to apply. (c)

Weekend attendant needed. Flexible hours. No experience necessary. Will train, for spinal cord injury. Call Joe 542-2959 9am noon or 7-10pm. (19)

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Position avail 11/15/84 at the Gay & Lesbian Counseling Service, a lic mental health clinic in Boston. RESP front office manag, inc client intake sched; client billing; maint of clinical and admin sys; tel coverage; routine cler duties. REQUIR: exc comm skills; some basic bkkp ing helpful; famil w/third-party billing a plus. HRS: Mon-Fri, 40 hrs/flex sched. **SALARY:** \$10,000-11,400, dep on exp. Resumes to GLCS, 600 Washington St, Suite 219, Boston, MA 02111. No phone calls pls. GLCS is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/Handicapped. (20)

### PART-TIME SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR FOR GAY POPULATION

Individual and group counseling. Alcohol-related experience and Master's degree required. Some evenings. 10-20 hrs wkly; \$10/hr. Send resume to Simeon Goldstein, North Shore Council on Alcoholism, 183 Newbury St., Danvers, MA 01923. (19)

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
serving students, elderly and the gay community of greater Boston seeks to fill the following positions:

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The following help is needed for 3 7-month AIDS research projects, with the possibility of further funding.

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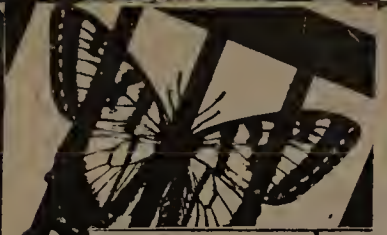
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support gay prisoners  
read and answer  
our prisoner penpals in the classifieds

TO ALL THOSE WHO IN AND OUT OF PRISON FIGHT AGAINST THEIR BONDAGE (Alexander Berkman, Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist).




I'm 23 and my hobbies include racquet ball, skating, and interior decorating. I'd like to correspond with women and men. Sandra FREEMAN, PO Box 3535, Norco CA 91760.

Black female, Aries, interested in meeting someone nice. Joyce JOHNSON, 18006 HB755L, Frontera CA 91720.

33 yr old Libra enjoys music, traveling, chess, and swimming. I would like to correspond with someone to share my thoughts and dreams. I have no preference in age, nationality or race. Jacqui JAMES, W-19976, BB1144, Frontera CA 91720.

I'd like to correspond with any nationality. I like most outdoor sports, love baseball, dancing and hairstyling. I'm a professional hairstylist. Lynda POLK, 19367 Harrison A634L, Frontera CA 91720.



POVERTY PRISON

### GCN GAY AND LESBIAN PRISONER PROJECT

We send free papers, books (when they are donated and when money for postage is donated) and run free penpal ads. (There's sometimes a long waiting list because of limited space.) Little by little as we get more volunteer labor power we'll be looking for other ways to support lesbians and gay men behind bars. If you can help with your time or a contribution (of money or paperbacks), please send to Gay and Lesbian Prisoner Project, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. Thanks!

I'm seeking a penpal who might like to pass the time a bit easier with me. I am fem, so I would prefer someone butch; who knows, one day we may meet and make a go of things. I was gay before coming here, had a lover who did me dirty, so now I'm looking for a person who's honest, sincere and very sensitive. I like older persons (30-50) who are experienced (smile). Hopefully you also like children as I have 2 young ones (3 & 5) from my very early marriage. Hoping to hear from someone soon. Karin RODRIGUEZ, 10847, Cottage A, Drawer E, Clinton NJ 08809.

I'm 37, single, love to shoot pool, horseback riding, swimming, and movies. I'd like my name added to your list for correspondents. Shirley JAMES, 20543, Miller B1404, Frontera CA 91720.

Nice woman to write to. I live in a mental hospital. Marie CHEATLEY, Box A, Oakdale IA 52319.

I have been a homosexual all my life. I am seeking sincere correspondence with sincere individual. I'm 45, love art and music. Thank you. Susan KIRKWOOD, 19217 BB1134, Frontera CA 91720.



**Prisoners and Friends!**  
Let gay organizations in your area know what's happening with lesbians and gay men behind bars; regularly - to raise their consciousness little by little and increase the chances of contact between people inside and out. GCN will send a list of gay organizations in your area.

# Prisoners Seeking Friends

*"In an unjust state, the only place for a just person is in jail."*

Info needed on prisoners and AIDS: How has AIDS been dealt with by prisoner, guards and administration officials where you are? Have they used AIDS to try to change how gays are treated? What are the politics of this 'social control'? Please send your comments to: GCN Prisoner Project, 167 Tremont, Boston, MA 02111. Thanks.



I'm taking a course in American History in here and would very much like to correspond with someone who's interested in it. I like it a lot and would like to learn more than I probably will alone in here. Larry CLAY, 5323, PO Box 30 (48-5J), Pendleton IN 46064.



I wish to correspond with a gay Marxist-Leninist. I'd like to talk with someone about the politics of the gay movement from a lefty point of view. If interested, please write: Albert Chui CLARK, 79909, Camp J Gator 1-L-10, Angola LA 70712.

Leo, single (never been married) enjoys traveling, reading, corresponding, watching movies, all sports, especially football, working on and driving high performance cars, quiet evenings and weightlifting. I need to keep in touch with reality out there so please write. Bobby REASONER, 175-484, PO Box 69, London OH 43140.

Young Californian seeking penpals. Sincere people only need apply. I have an AA degree and maintain a 3.89 gpa. Jeffrey LUSTIG, PO Box B-43481, Florence AZ 85232.

I'm an older gay inmate (38) who desires correspondence with other gays. I get lonely just like everyone else and like to write and receive letters. I also like to lift weights, jog, read good books, and all types of music. Thank you. Charles CAMPBELL, 069938, Box 221 C-46, Raiford FL 32083.

Taurus male looking for someone to fill the gap in my life and to share a new life with when I get out of prison. Wallace CULEY, 33996, PO Box 2, Lansing KS 66043.

I'd like to hear from anyone who cares to write. I'm not getting any mail at all. Thanks a lot! Robert HOBBS, 3102 E. Highland Ave, Patton CA 92369.



I will soon be paroled to Massachusetts and would really like to make some friends there. I am a college grad in Physical Therapy and a very health oriented person. I'd like to correspond with sincere minded people. Mike DUGANITZ, 177796, PO Box 69, London OH 43140.

I enjoy reading, writing poetry, sports, music, singing and sex. My only major dislike is a snobbish person. My main goal is to fulfill and enjoy my life to its total capacity. Harold BRITT, 076824, M.H. C-41, PO Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

Very affectionate person, likes pool, good company, and allnight one on one outings in the country. Not into bars, S&M, but not biased on anything. Live and let live. Jesse HACKNEY, 98513, Box 514, Granite OK 73547.

**WALTER FRITZ!!!**  
Please get in touch with me. I'd really like to hear from you again. Louis ROYCE, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth KS 66048.

I want someone that's very gay to write me. I need a friend and maybe in time a lover. I get off on a very girlish and feminine person, so all you nice gay ladys please answer. Billy KELLER, 76095, Box 500 8BKS, Grady AR 71644.

I would like to just hear from anyone out there in the free world. Will answer all letters. Thanking you before hand, Winford STOKES, Box 900 CP3, Jefferson City MO 65102.

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**GREENHOPE FARM**  
Woman-only space in the heart of the Green Mts. Crisp autumn air, cozy wood-burning fires, romantic, rustic setting. Beautiful + secluded. Delicious veg. meals. X-country or downhill skiing, horseback riding, hiking. Call early to reserve space. (802)533-7772. (18)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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## SERVICES

**HEALING MESSAGE**  
Women! Treat yourself to a centering, relaxing massage. Call Susan Morse. 868-8114 evenings. Ananda trained. (19)

**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP**  
Openings. Group focus is on intimacy, gay identity, relationships. Individual therapy also available. Siiding fee. Call Francis Giambone 628-6988.

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Correcting posture, preventing injuries, increasing energy, general health revitalization and relaxation. (617)923-9019. (21)

**INCEST SURVIVORS**  
Support group for women. Margrit Romang, MA, CET. 646-7395. (c)

Just received my first copy of GCN and believe me I was very happy to receive it. I would also like to receive letters from people from the outside world. I am trying to protect myself from a dangerous situation in here (where some inmates want to rape me and the officials won't put me in protective custody. If anyone knows where I can get some legal help with this case I'd really appreciate it! Thanks! Isaiah GATHINGS, 05741-016, Pembroke Sta., Danbury CT 06810.

Looking for TVs or TSs in New York City area for possible long term relationship. John PAUL, 75B 1550, Box 149, Attica NY 14011.

My measurements are 40-28-36 and I am a warm and sincere individual seeking for a honest correspondence. Thank you for your time. William BACALLAO, 075746, PO Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

Penpal wanted by mature prisoner. My alleged crime was gay pandering which never happened. Need some encouragement from outside here. Am also looking for Charles Brian Reed and Jim Moody, both of Arizona. Jim YOUNG, PO Box 4000R, Ft. Grant AZ 85643.

I consider myself open, warm and sensitive with a touch of humor. I'm interested in corresponding with someone who is not afraid of dealing with a prisoner. George CLAYTON, 145-587, PO Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

I like good intelligent conversation and company. My hobbies are reading and writing and outdoor sports. Thank you very much. Charles DUVALL, 092654-C43, PO Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

Athletic Indian, seeking correspondence/possible relationship with feminine sensitive males, TSs and TVs. Sam GUTIERREZ, PO Box 41 No.8029, Michigan City IN 46063.

**FOR RICKY SOTIRAKOS:** I love you very much; body, mind and soul! Where are you? James L. Martin

I like cooking and pro-wrestling and would like to meet someone in LA or Boise. I will be getting out soon and need to have a friend. Ron MACK, 20080, Box 14, Boise ID 83707.





# CALENDAR

## November 17 to December 7

### 17 saturday

**Boston — "AIDS, the Epidemic—A Community in Crisis,"** a forum to present data on HTLV-III; Boston High School Auditorium, 123 Arlington St. 1-4:30PM. Info: 536-7733.

**Boston — Greater Boston Gay Men's Association** meeting; St. John the Evangelist, 33 Bowdoin St., Beacon Hill. 8PM. All welcome. Bring food or drink. Donation requested.

**Cambridge — Amethyst Women's Half-moon Dance:** Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. A drug-alcohol-free event for alcoholic lesbians & their women friends. 9PM-1AM. \$4 more/less. Child-care provided.

**Cambridge — Speak-out Against Grand Jury Repression** sponsored by the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee; Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. 7:30PM. Info: 579-3576.

**Boston — Building Bridges Across Race & Gender,** a workshop with Mel King & Ann Neitlich; UMASS, 100 Arlington St. 10AM-5PM. \$10-\$50 sliding scale. Info: 876-7433.

**Boston — "Had She Spoken"** presented by Double Edge Theatre; Church of Saints Luke & Margaret, 40 Brighton Ave. 8PM. Show runs through Dec. 8. \$8, \$7 students/senior citizens. Info: 776-9474.

**Boston — "Torch Song Trilogy";** at the Shubert Theater, 265 Tremont St. Shows: Mon.-Sat., 8PM; Wed.-Sat. 2PM. Tickets: \$20-\$32.50. Info: 426-4520.

**Boston — "Working"** presented by the Newbury Street Theater; 565 Boylston St., Copley Square. Play continues through Dec. 15. 8PM. \$5. Reservations: 437-0517.

**Cambridge — "Native Son"** will be shown by Angry Arts Films; Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Also showing the 18th. 7:30PM. \$2.75. Info: 524-2915.

**Henniker, New Hampshire — Lambda meeting.** Speaker: Carol Moore from the NH Women's Lobby; Sanborn Hall, New England College. 5PM.

### 18 sunday

**Cambridge — Daughters of Bilitis Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** for women & children; D.O.B., 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 6PM. \$7 adults, \$6 members, \$3 kids under 10. Info: 661-3633.

**Boston — Christmas Crafts Auction/Bake Sale** sponsored by DIGNITY/Boston; Arlington St. Church, corner of Boylston & Arlington St. 7:15PM. Info: 536-6518.

**Cambridge — Women of China** magazine open meeting with women health activists, Harvard University, Coolidge Hall, Seminar Rm. 3, 1737 Cambridge St. 2PM-4PM. Info: 491-0577.

**Boston — "The Politics of the Future: The Rainbow Coalition,"** a sermon by Dr. Barry Commoner; The Community Church of Boston, Morse Auditorium, 602 Commonwealth Avenue. 11AM. Info: 266-6710.

**Boston — Unitarian-Universalist Gays & Lesbians** meeting; Arlington St. Church. 7PM. All welcome. Info: Paul-David Wadler, 623-6021.

**Marblehead — North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance** Bulb Party; 90 Green St. 1-5PM. Info: 745-3848.



Arnold and his Mom in "Torch Song Trilogy"

**Brookline — Brighton/Brookline potluck** meeting at noon. Info: Marsha, 738-4260.

### 19 monday

**Boston — 6th Annual Thanksgiving Service** of Hope held by the Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Interfaith Coalition; Arlington St. Church. 7:30PM.

**Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's South End Police/Community Panel Meeting;** Concord Baptist Church, 190 Warren Ave. 7PM. Info: 247-4457.

### 20 tuesday

**Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's Back Bay Police/Community Panel Meeting;** Fisher Jr. College, 116 Beacon St. 7PM. Info: 247-4457.

**Boston — "Your Back & Exercise,"** lecture/discussion with Dr. Jonathan Stein, chiropractor; South End Gym, 1355-A Washington St., # 108. 8:30PM. Free. Info: 451-3514.

### 22 thursday

**Boston — Gay Community News** always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

### 23 friday

**Randolph — Susan Abod & Elliot Pilshaw** perform their Lesbian/Gay Cabaret with Janet Hood; Randolph Country Club. 9PM. \$4.

**Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!!** Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.

### 27 tuesday

**Boston — "Alternative Families: A Forum on Lesbian and Gay Parenting"** sponsored by BLGPA's Reproductive Rights Committee; UMASS, 100 Arlington St., Rm. 222. 7:30PM.

**Cambridge — Lesbian Fat Liberation,** a drop-in discussion group; Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30-8PM introductory, 8-9PM regular group. For lesbians over 200 lbs. Info: 524-5462.

**Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's Kenmore Police/Community Panel Meeting;** The Towers, 140 Bay State Rd. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen, 247-4457.

**Salem — North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance** Pizza Party; As You Like It, 203 Essex St. 7PM. Info: 745-3848.

### 28 wednesday

**Boston — Neighborhood Responsive Policing Program's East Fenway Police/Community Panel Meeting;** Morville House, 100 Norway St. 7PM. Info: Mary Ellen 247-4457.

**Boston — Boston Bisexual Women's Network** discussion: "The Dating Dilemma"; Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. 7PM. Info: BBWN, P.O. Box 1534, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

**Cambridge — "Lesbian & Gay Perspectives on the 1984 Elections:** Where do we go from here?" with Speakers Virginia Apuzzo, Robert Bauman, Gil Gerald, and Chris Rid-diough; Kennedy School of Government, 79 John F. Kennedy St. 8PM. Info: Sharon Keady, 495-1380.

**Boston — "Jump for Justice,"** a dance benefit for the Coalition for Human Rights; Cyclorama, 539 Tremont St. 9PM-1AM. \$5. Info: 725-4225 or 266-8557.

### december 2 sunday

**Milford — Tri-County Association** discussion group: "The Continuing Process of Coming Out." Info: 376-8145.

**Dorchester — Concert for Justice & Peace in El Salvador** with Roy Brown, "Sabia," Armando Martinez, "Llactamazi," & Jose Masso; Strand Theater, 543 Columbia Rd. 7:30PM. \$9. Info: 661-0202.

### 5 wednesday

**Boston — Fundraiser party** for Central America Referendum Campaign, Artists Call, and Medical Aid to Nicaragua; the 1270, 1270 Boylston St. 9PM-1AM. \$5 in advance, \$6 at door. Info: 227-7335.

### 6 thursday

**Boston — Bright Morning Star** performance sponsored by Mobilization for Survival; Morse Aud., 602 Commonwealth Ave. 8PM. \$5 in advance, \$6 at door. Info: 354-0008.

### 7 friday

**Cambridge — Black Rose Lecture: "Controversial Sex,"** with Tom Reeves (man-boy love); Beryl Hofstein (lesbian S/M), Ann Kotell (monogamy), & Pete Wilson (gay promiscuity); MIT, Building 9, rm. 150, 105 Mass. Ave. 8PM. Info: 492-6259.

## Notes

**torch song trilogy** by Harvey Fierstein. Directed by Peter Pope, with Charles Adler, Tom Strechshulte and Estelle Getty. At the Shubert.

Beginning its stage life in the late 1970s on Off-Broadway as three separate one-acts, *Torch Song Trilogy* finally came out on Broadway as a unified evening in gay theater two years ago. It garnered rave notices and copped two Tony Awards. From any point of view, *Torch Song Trilogy* was a major event both in American theater and in the development of an out, self-defining gay culture.

Written by Harvey Fierstein (who has since done the book for *La Cage aux Folles* and the narration in *The Times of Harvey Milk*), *Torch Song* tells the story of Arnold, a gay man who works as a drag queen, and is looking for love, happiness and a family he can call his own — on his own terms. The first play, *The International Stud*, explores Arnold's affair with a bisexual man who eventually leaves him. In *Fugue in a Nursery*, our hero and his new boyfriend visit the ex-lover and his new wife in their country house. And in the final, *Widows and Children First*, Arnold finally forces his biological family to come to terms with his gayness and his determination to lead his life the way he intends to — including an adopted 16-year-old son.

*Torch Song Trilogy* is an amazing piece of succinct and sustained writing. Both comic (Arnold making conversation while getting fucked in a back-room bar) and moving (his final confrontation with his mother), it presents us with a gay life uncensored and unashamed. It is one of the best works the gay movement and the American theater have produced yet. Don't miss it.

### shakespeare, christ, et. al

TheaterWorks is presenting a radical reinterpretation of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Directed by Tim McDonough, this *Shrew* is set in a 1930s burlesque house and has Petrucchio auditioning and training Kate in a series of demeaning vaudeville acts. The performances will be at Suffolk University Theater, Friday to Sunday nights until November 25th. Call 720-1988 for more information.

More gender and sibling confusion will surface at the Boston Shakespeare Company's new production of *The Comedy of Errors* directed by Tina Packer (from the Royal Shakespeare Company). *Comedy* will preview on November 29, open on December 4 and run through December 23. For times and prices, call the box office.

A revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar* — complete with gay characters — will be presented at the Boston Shakespeare Co. Theater. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8:00, Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30, and Sunday at 3:00 and 7:30. Prices vary; for more information call the box office: 267-5600.

— Michael Bronski

The GCN weekly calendar includes events in the Boston area of interest to the lesbian and gay community. We try not to leave anything out but remember, we depend on you to keep us informed. Let us know as early as possible what your group is planning.

The deadline is Friday noon for the following issue. Just send the information to GCN Calendar, 167 Tremont Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

Calendar compiled by Miranda Kolbe

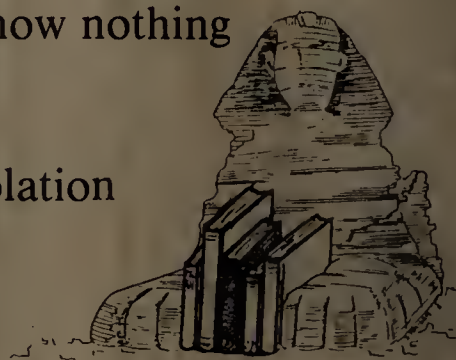
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